

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, HILL, HODGES, JACKSON,  
NANCY LANDRY, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THIERRY,  
WHITNEY, AND WOODRUFF AND SENATORS BROOME, BUFFINGTON,  
DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Naomi Maria Smith upon her receipt of a 2015 High  
School Woman of Excellence Award and scholarship from the La. Legislative  
Women's Caucus Foundation

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Naomi Maria Smith upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award  
3 from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High  
4 School Woman of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative  
5 Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

6 WHEREAS, Naomi Maria Smith is the daughter of Mike and Joni Smith and a senior  
7 at Alfred M. Barbe High School in Lake Charles; and

8 WHEREAS, Naomi has a passion for sports and has played softball, basketball,  
9 volleyball, track, golf, and soccer; she qualified in the top eight for the Junior Olympics in  
10 javelin and traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, where she finished in the top ten in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, she has qualified twice for the javelin state competition and in 2014, she  
12 received fourth place; she hopes to continue her love for track and field on the collegiate  
13 level; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a member of an elite club volleyball team for three years, and  
15 under her senior leadership, her high school volleyball team competed in the semifinals at  
16 the state volleyball tournament; in recognition of her extraordinary athletic ability, Naomi  
17 was voted player with the "Most Hustle" by her coaches and was named the most valuable  
18 player for two consecutive years on her school's soccer team; and

1 WHEREAS, Naomi is an active member of her community, volunteering through her  
2 church and working on local service projects such as helping her local food pantry to stock  
3 and organize food drives, serving on a cleaning crew for the USS Orleck ship, helping with  
4 the reconstruction of Millennium Park in Lake Charles, and packing pills and other medical  
5 supplies for mission trips around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Naomi traveled to Sanyati, Zimbabwe, where she worked at a hospital  
7 for two weeks during the summer; while in Zimbabwe, she hauled medical supplies, helped  
8 with construction and repairs on a hospital, visited elementary schools, and worked with  
9 midwives at a remote birthing facility; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout high school, she has been involved with Fellowship of  
11 Christian Athletes, Student Council, Spanish Club, and the National Honor Society; she  
12 served with the Lake Charles Youth Advisory Council to present ideas to local political  
13 leaders and traveled to the state capitol to voice opinions on policies to state congressional  
14 representatives; she was also a member of Future Business Leaders of America and a two-  
15 time national qualifier in public speaking and personal finance; and

16 WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Alfred M. Barbe High School, Naomi will  
17 attend Louisiana State University to double major in English and business law and minor in  
18 international relations; she hopes to attend law school in the future; and

19 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the  
20 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence  
21 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics  
23 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are  
24 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

25 WHEREAS, for 2015, there are six categories for the Women of Excellence Awards:  
26 Business, College Woman of Excellence, Health and Medicine, High School Woman of  
27 Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

28 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2015 Women of Excellence Awards are being  
29 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of  
30 Excellence Awards Gala on Tuesday, May 26, 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, Naomi Maria Smith has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of  
2 Excellence Award in the category of High School Woman of Excellence and also is a  
3 recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her  
4 accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics,  
5 leadership, and community service; and

6 WHEREAS, Naomi Maria Smith merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of  
7 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and  
8 it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Naomi Maria Smith upon her  
9 receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's  
10 Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 commend Naomi Maria Smith upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from  
13 the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School  
14 Woman of Excellence and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus  
15 Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular  
16 contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for  
17 the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to Naomi Maria Smith.

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#### DIGEST

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