

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, DAVIS, EMERSON, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES AND WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Godis Jackson upon being selected for a Women of Excellence Award and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from  
3 the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High  
4 School Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative  
5 Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

6 WHEREAS, Godis Jackson is the daughter of Valencia and John Jackson and the  
7 older sister of Loveis Jackson, a native of Baton Rouge, and a recent alumna of Baton Rouge  
8 Magnet High School; and

9 WHEREAS, during her high school years, she was a member of the junior varsity  
10 volleyball team as well as numerous clubs, most notable of which are Youth and  
11 Government, Mock Trial, DECA, National Honor Society and Student Government  
12 Association (SGA); and

13 WHEREAS, for the past three years, Godis served as team captain of one of the  
14 Mock Trial teams, and for the last year she served as SGA Vice President and as a  
15 co-president of her school's DECA chapter; and

16 WHEREAS, within these clubs, she was recognized for her leadership,  
17 accomplishments and service to her school, peers and community and, through her clubs  
18 alone, she completed over sixty hours of community service, was selected best witness and

1 attorney multiple times in Mock Trial competitions, and placed at the state and international  
2 levels in DECA competitions; and

3 WHEREAS, outside of school, Godis works and pursues activities both for fun and  
4 geared toward her career goals, and she is currently employed as a math instructor at  
5 Mathnasium and interns with the office of Mayor-President Melvin L. "Kip" Holden where  
6 she helps coordinate the East Baton Rouge Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and

7 WHEREAS, over the course of her four high school summers, she won a national  
8 financial literacy competition, took a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and pilgrimage  
9 to the Holy Land, was selected to attend National Student Leadership Conference where she  
10 participated in a tour of the Pentagon, and attended Louisiana Girls State where she was one  
11 of two girls chosen to represent Louisiana at Girls Nation and meet with President Barack  
12 Obama at the White House; and

13 WHEREAS, as a reprieve from her daily tasks, Godis enjoys writing, performing,  
14 and listening to spoken word; she is a member of Wordcrew, a local youth spoken word  
15 organization; has received awards for her poetry and has had the distinction of having her  
16 work published in multiple literary journals; and

17 WHEREAS, before graduating, Godis was nominated for Student of the Year, named  
18 an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction, and awarded the Questbridge  
19 National Scholarship, and she plans to attend Pomona College in Claremont, California, and  
20 pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; and

21 WHEREAS, she lives by the quote, "Make no small plans for they have no power  
22 to stir men's blood", and eagerly awaits the legacy she will leave upon the world as she  
23 pursues her passions in education, financial literacy, public policy, and public service; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, for 2016, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence

1 Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero  
2 of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

3 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2016 Women of Excellence Awards are being  
4 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of  
5 Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 24, 2016;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Godis Jackson has been named a recipient of a 2016 Women of  
8 Excellence Award in the category of High School Women of Excellence and also is a  
9 recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her  
10 accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics,  
11 leadership, and community service; and

12 WHEREAS, Godis Jackson merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation  
13 for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate  
14 for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016  
15 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation  
16 and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 commend Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the  
19 Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women  
20 of Excellence and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation  
21 Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the  
22 citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous  
23 pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
25 Godis Jackson.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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