

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Jon Christian Walden on his extraordinary accomplishments as a high school wrestler and student.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jon Christian Walden upon his extraordinary accomplishments as a high
3 school wrestler and student.

4 WHEREAS, Christian Walden will graduate from Airline High School in Bossier
5 City, Louisiana, this May as a three-time North Louisiana Outstanding Wrestler for years
6 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, with an undefeated senior year match record of fifty wins, Christian
8 Walden ends his high school wrestling career as Louisiana Division 1 State Champion in the
9 one hundred sixty pound weight class in both his junior and senior years, and as Louisiana
10 Division 1 Champion in the one hundred forty-five pound weight class as a sophomore; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to leading by example with extraordinary wrestling
12 performances, Christian Walden led his wrestling team as captain and was a member of the
13 Fellowship of Christian Athletes in his junior and senior years; and

14 WHEREAS, in the course of his high school wrestling career, Christian Walden has
15 secured an impressive list of championships, including the Louisiana Parish and Regional
16 Championship at the one hundred twenty-six pound weight class as a freshman, the one
17 hundred forty-five pound weight class as a sophomore, and the one hundred sixty pound
18 weight class as both a junior and a senior; and

1 WHEREAS, Christian won championships at the Trey Culotta meet in New Orleans,
2 and the Louisiana Classic Wrestling Tournament in Baton Rouge, in the one hundred sixty
3 pound weight class as both a junior and a senior; and

4 WHEREAS, out-of-state championships at the Sooner State Games in Oklahoma as
5 a junior and the Arlington Martin Open in Texas as a senior, both in the one hundred sixty
6 pound weight class, were garnered by Christian; and

7 WHEREAS, Christian Walden has ended his high school career as a Brute Nationals
8 All-American champion at the one hundred thirty-eight pound weight class, a seventh place
9 finish in the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) All-American
10 championship at the one hundred forty-five pound weight class, and an eighth place finish
11 in the NHSCA All-American championship at the one hundred sixty pound weight class; and

12 WHEREAS, a four-year high school record of one hundred eighty-nine match wins
13 and only fourteen losses, including capping that career with an undefeated senior season of
14 fifty wins, is an exceptional career, and when combined with his academic and leadership
15 accomplishments, Christian Walden can move on to his next academic endeavor having left
16 a powerful legacy of which he should be proud.

17 WHEREAS, as a result of his academic and athletic accomplishments, Christian
18 Walden has been admitted to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, often
19 referred to as West Point Prep, for the 2017-2018 school year, after which it is expected that
20 he will be admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point as a cadet; and

21 WHEREAS, while Walden's wrestling accomplishments are certainly stellar, he has
22 also excelled academically with a graduation grade point average of 3.8, a finish in the top
23 five percent of his class, and as a member of the National Honor Society for both his junior
24 and senior years; and

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby commend Jon Christian Walden upon his extraordinary accomplishments as a
27 high school wrestler and student.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jon
29 Christian Walden at Airline High School in Bossier City, Louisiana.

