



1           WHEREAS, raised on a sugarcane farm, she is aware of the importance of the sugar  
2 industry and was named the Louisiana 4-H State Sugar Ambassador, serving as an advocate  
3 and educating youth about the industry and its importance to our state economy; and

4           WHEREAS, Kristen also serves as vice president of the Lafourche Parish Junior  
5 Leader Club where she led several service projects, including working with the Court  
6 Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, Operation Christmas Child, local animal  
7 shelters, and is currently working on a project called "Caring for our Coast"; and

8           WHEREAS, Kristen was awarded the Prudential Spirit Award for her leadership and  
9 service to her community, currently serves as her high school choir president, is a member  
10 of the track team, Ecology Club, Campus Ministry, Music Ministry, Science Olympiad  
11 Team, and National Honor Society; and

12           WHEREAS, despite her involvement in school and community organizations, she  
13 has maintained a 3.89 GPA throughout her high school career, is the recipient of the Saint  
14 Michael's Book Award for Leadership and Service, and received the Key Club award for  
15 outstanding leadership in her community; and

16           WHEREAS, Kristen plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine where she will  
17 continue to remain active in agriculture and serve her community and the animals they love;  
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19           WHEREAS, she will attend Nicholls State University in the fall where she will study  
20 biology with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; and

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

24           WHEREAS, for 2017, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence  
25 Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero  
26 of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

27           WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2017 Women of Excellence Awards are being  
28 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of  
29 Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 9, 2017; and

30           WHEREAS, Kristen has been named a recipient of a 2017 Women of Excellence

