

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tulane University of Louisiana students from Newcomb College Institute for their extraordinary contributions to women-centered education and the support of women in leadership.

WHEREAS, Tulane University has been a bastion of intellectual, moral, and industrial education for more than one hundred eighty years; and

WHEREAS, H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College was founded in 1886 as the University's college for women and is the alma mater of notable women leaders, including the Honorable Lindy Boggs, Mignon Faget, Lynda Benglis, and Gwen Thompkins; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, Newcomb College Institute has educated undergraduate women for leadership in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, the institute supports the research initiatives of women students, advocates for a gender-integrated curriculum, develops community engaged service-learning courses, and promotes student organizations for women; the institute established the Newcomb Scholars interdisciplinary honors program for women; and

WHEREAS, the goals and mission of Newcomb College Institute are especially important in Louisiana, a state with an estimated female population of fifty-one percent yet which in 2018 has only fifteen percent female representation in the state legislature; Louisiana ranks forty-fifth of the fifty states in female legislative representation, and the support of Tulane students is integral to changing this statistic; and

WHEREAS, the students of Newcomb College Institute bring unique talents and perspectives to its mission; these students are also benefactors of a successful collaboration with the Scholars Strategy Network, a group of faculty and graduate students who work to improve public policy and strengthen democracy by connecting scholars and their research to policymakers, citizen associations, and the media; and

WHEREAS, through the Newcomb College Institute, young women are gaining the education, experience, and foundational values that will help them make essential contributions to their community while serving as exemplary representatives of Tulane University and the state of Louisiana for years to come; and in celebration of Women's History Month and Tulane Day at the Legislature, it is appropriate to recognize the efforts of the University and its students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the students of the Newcomb College Institute for their admirable dedication to women-centered education and research; does hereby recognize and record for posterity their extraordinary contributions to increasing the number of women in leadership in their communities, Tulane University, and the state; and does hereby wish them every measure of continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES