

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sarah Michelle Procopio upon her receipt of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Sarah Michelle Procopio is finishing her first year at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she is a studying mass communication with a concentration in political communication and is a student in both the Manship School of Mass Communication and the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College; and

WHEREAS, Sarah was named the student of the year at Baton Rouge Magnet High School in 2017 before going on to become the East Baton Rouge Parish Student of the Year, and in her senior year of high school, she became one of two students selected to represent Louisiana as a Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program scholar in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, through LSU, Sarah has joined the academic cohort of the Louisiana Service and Leadership Scholars in the honors college which exclusively studies poverty and wetland loss in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Sarah has been a delegate to the 2018 National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement Conference at the Harvard Institute of Politics and moderated a panel at the 2018 Redistricting Summit hosted by the Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs and Fair Districts Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, between school and work, she volunteers with Volunteers in Public Schools every Friday through the "Everybody Reads" initiative, providing individualized reading assistance for Pre-K through second grade students who read below grade level; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2018, she will intern in Washington D.C. with Congressman Garret Graves to better understand the federal efforts to solve Louisiana's issue of coastal land loss; and

WHEREAS, Sarah then plans to spend a year traveling after graduation before entering law school; and

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

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

WHEREAS, for 2018, there are two categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence and High School Women of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2018 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sarah has been named a recipient of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award in the category of College Women of Excellence and is also a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics, leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Sarah merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Sarah upon receipt of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sarah Michelle Procopio upon receipt of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sarah Michelle Procopio.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES