

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Gabrielle Elyse Fontenot upon her receipt of a 2019 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Woman of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Elyse Fontenot is a senior at Sacred Heart High School in Ville Platte, Louisiana, is the daughter of Jacob and Monique Fontenot, and has three sisters, Amelia, Sophia, and Genevieve, and one brother, Andrew; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school while taking dual enrollment and honors courses; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years at Sacred Heart High School, she has been a leader in numerous clubs and activities, including student council, National Honor Society, 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Interact, FOUND, cross country, Quiz Bowl, and pep squad; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle placed first in the District Literary Rally in English I, English II, and Chemistry, and placed superior in the extemporaneous speaking contest; and

WHEREAS, she also placed first in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures, Impromptu Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedures at the state level in FBLA, and was a top fifteen competitor in the National FBLA Parliamentary Procedures contest; and

WHEREAS, she was named Student of the Year, served as state reporter and state secretary for the Louisiana FBLA, and is a member of the Louisiana 4-H Executive Board and the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Gabrielle was named Interactor of the Year and recipient of the Louisiana FBLA Richard D. Clanton Award; and

WHEREAS, she was named to the Louisiana Cross Country Academic All State Composite team and has also been recognized as a National Honor Society scholarship

winner; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle is involved in her local community as a nursing home volunteer, retreat leader, food and toy drive leader, and as an altar server for St. Ann Church Parish; and

WHEREAS, she will attend Louisiana State University as an Ogden Honors College student and pursue a dual degree in economics and agricultural business, attend law school after receiving her undergraduate degree, and plans to work in the public sector as a legislative attorney or policy analyst; 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 2019, there are two categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence and High School Woman of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2019 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 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle has been named a recipient of a 2019 Women of Excellence Award in the category of High School Woman 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, Gabrielle 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 Gabrielle upon receipt of a 2019 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 Gabrielle Elyse Fontenot upon receipt of a 2019 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Woman 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 Gabrielle Elyse Fontenot.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES