

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mia LeJeune on being awarded the 2021 Truman Scholarship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mia LeJeune, a Louisiana State University student, on being named a Truman
3 Scholar.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend LSU student, Mia LeJeune, upon her being
5 selected to receive a Harry S. Truman Scholarship; and

6 WHEREAS, Mia LeJeune is studying mass communication with a concentration in
7 political communication and a minor in history at LSU; and

8 WHEREAS, her passion is rooted in youth voting and democratic campaigns and
9 elections and throughout her time at LSU, Mia has helped to register over 6,000 students to
10 vote with her organization, Geaux Vote, a nonpartisan, student driven organization dedicated
11 to voter registration and civic engagement; and

12 WHEREAS, Mia worked as the scheduler on Democratic Governor John Bel
13 Edwards' reelection campaign, and by forgoing her sophomore year at LSU, helped him to
14 secure a victory in a traditionally conservative state; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, she went on to work as a Governor's Fellow at the Department
16 of Children and Family Services where she presented a policy proposal to the governor that
17 instituted a statewide, multidisciplinary data sharing platform to streamline application
18 processes for benefit programs; and

1 WHEREAS, the department launched a pilot program last year, and now uses the
2 communications plan that Mia created to recruit foster parents; and

3 WHEREAS, Mia spent 2020 working on various local campaigns, including the
4 reelection of Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, Baton Rouge's first female mayor; and

5 WHEREAS, she is currently running for student body president and is hopeful for
6 the opportunity to work towards institutionalizing on-campus civic engagement and voter
7 registration; and

8 WHEREAS, Mia is also working on her honors college thesis, a study of the history
9 of student activism at LSU; and

10 WHEREAS, the Truman Scholarship was established by Congress in 1975 as the
11 federal memorial to the thirty-third president of the United States, Harry S. Truman; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of the Truman Scholarship Foundation is to find and
13 recognize college students with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to
14 careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in public
15 service; and

16 WHEREAS, the Truman Scholarship provides its recipients with financial support
17 for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are
18 committed to making a difference through public service; and

19 WHEREAS, Truman Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the
20 seven years following completion of a foundation-funded graduate degree program as a
21 condition of their receiving Truman Scholarship funds; and

22 WHEREAS, the Truman Scholarship provides funding for graduate study, along with
23 priority admission and supplemental financial aid at several premier graduate institutions,
24 leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and special internship
25 opportunities within the federal government; and

26 WHEREAS, Mia LeJeune merits a special measure of commendation for her
27 outstanding accomplishments and contributions as a citizen and scholar.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby commend Mia LeJeune, a student at Louisiana State University, upon being
30 named a Truman Scholar, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her exceptional

1 academic achievements and singular contributions, does hereby express enduring
2 appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor she brings to her community and state, and
3 does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of her
4 future endeavors.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
6 Mia LeJeune and Louisiana State University.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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