

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mia LeJeune, a student at Louisiana State University, upon being named a Truman Scholar, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her exceptional academic achievements and singular contributions, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor she brings to her community and state, and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE