

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mikaylah Williams, a junior at Parkway High School, on being selected the 2021-2022 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year award recognizes outstanding athletic excellence as well as high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Mikaylah Williams excels in athletics and academics and has earned a 4.0 grade point average in addition to her superb athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Miss Williams is a junior guard that led the Parkway High Panthers to a 33-2 win-loss record and a berth in the Class 5A state championship game at the time of her selection; and

WHEREAS, Mikaylah Williams averaged 22.8 points, 8.0 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 2.2 steals per game during thirty-five games; and

WHEREAS, at the age of sixteen, Mikaylah Williams was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2021 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup in Hungary where she led the United States to the gold medal and scored fifty-six points overall; and

WHEREAS, Miss Williams is a finalist for the Naismith Award and is ranked as the nation's number one recruit in the Class of 2023 by HoopGurlz and ProspectsNation.com and she entered the state final with more than sixteen hundred points in her prep basketball career; and

WHEREAS, Mikaylah Williams has served her community as a member of the National Beta Club, volunteered locally at a women and children's shelter on behalf of Operation Christmas Child, participated in the "Clash of the Cans" food drive, made toiletry bags for the homeless, contributed to local food banks, participated in the teen youth group at her church, and donated her time and resources by creating Christmas cards for veterans' homes, firefighters, and police officers; and

WHEREAS, she is known as a great player with a tremendous work ethic and is one of the strongest guards that has played high school girls basketball; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception in 1985, the Gatorade Players of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships and many have also turned into pillars in their communities by becoming coaches, business owners, and educators; and

WHEREAS, Mikaylah Williams continues to develop her talents and abilities after winning the coveted 2021-2022 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year award and is destined to become an adult pillar of her community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mikaylah Williams on winning the 2021-2022 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Miss Mikaylah Williams of Parkway High School in Bossier City, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES