

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY AND LEGER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Rachel Elizabeth Schultz upon being named the 76th Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rachel Elizabeth Schultz on her reign as the seventy-sixth Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen for 2012-2013.

WHEREAS, in June of last year, Miss Rachel Elizabeth Schultz was crowned the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen and has graciously represented her city and state during this time; and

WHEREAS, Rachel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl M. Schultz, is a regal legacy in that her mother, Lucy Vesich Schultz, also reigned in 1976-1977 as Queen of the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail; and

WHEREAS, Rachel is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Vesich Jr.; her late grandfather, the Honorable Anthony Vesich Jr. was a member of the House of Representatives from 1953 until 1973 representing the New Orleans area and is well remembered by this body; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail has a colorful history that dates back to the 1930's when a federal grant was commissioned to beautify the vast landscapes of the city with the planting of an abundance of azaleas, camellias, palms, and crepe myrtles; and

WHEREAS, today this arboreal wonder serpentine seventy-eight miles from the

1 banks of the Mississippi River to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, winding its way through
2 Jefferson and Kenner; and

3 WHEREAS, Rachel made her Floral Trail debut in 1999 as a princess of the court
4 and followed as a demoiselle in two later courts; and

5 WHEREAS, Miss Schultz was a graduate of Mount Carmel Academy with
6 extracurricular activities that included Student Ambassador, Varsity Soccer, and Christian
7 Life Community; she was the recipient of the Louisiana Young Hero Award, the Cox
8 Communications Inspiration Award, the American Citizenship Award, the Helping Hands
9 Award, and upon graduation, the Sister Mary Grace Danos O. Carm. Award for outstanding
10 community service and a four-year scholarship from the Mid-South Division of the
11 American Cancer Society; and

12 WHEREAS, while at LSU she pledged Delta Gamma Sorority and continued to
13 volunteer with organizations that included the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired,
14 Kids Kicking Cancer, Inc., the Children's Leukemia League of New Orleans, and the
15 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Miss Schultz is a recent spring graduate of Louisiana State University
17 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology who plans to pursue graduate studies in
18 Occupational Therapy; and

19 WHEREAS, as queen, Rachel has represented the city of New Orleans at festivals
20 throughout Louisiana, traveled thousands of miles, and she was invited to Washington, D.C.,
21 to attend the annual Mardi Gras ball presented by the Mystik Krewe of Louisianians; and

22 WHEREAS, Rachel provides inspiration for Louisiana's youth to set lofty goals and
23 work tirelessly to achieve them; and

24 WHEREAS, Rachel Elizabeth Schultz is to be congratulated for her many
25 achievements and for the tremendous honor she imparts to her family, to the city of
26 New Orleans, and to the state of Louisiana.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend and congratulate Rachel Elizabeth Schultz, the reigning seventy-sixth Greater
29 New Orleans Floral Trail Queen for 2012-2013, for her many accomplishments and talents
30 and does hereby extend its best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Rachel Elizabeth Schultz.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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