

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Jon Christian Walden upon his extraordinary accomplishments as a high school wrestler and student.

WHEREAS, Christian Walden will graduate from Airline High School in Bossier City, Louisiana, this May as a three-time North Louisiana Outstanding Wrestler for years 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, with an undefeated senior year match record of fifty wins, Christian Walden ends his high school wrestling career as Louisiana Division 1 State Champion in the one hundred sixty pound weight class in both his junior and senior years, and as Louisiana Division 1 Champion in the one hundred forty-five pound weight class as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, in addition to leading by example with extraordinary wrestling performances, Christian Walden led his wrestling team as captain and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in his junior and senior years; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his high school wrestling career, Christian Walden has secured an impressive list of championships, including the Louisiana Parish and Regional Championship at the one hundred twenty-six pound weight class as a freshman, the one hundred forty-five pound weight class as a sophomore, and the one hundred sixty pound weight class as both a junior and a senior; and

WHEREAS, Christian won championships at the Trey Culotta meet in New Orleans, and the Louisiana Classic Wrestling Tournament in Baton Rouge, in the one hundred sixty pound weight class as both a junior and a senior; and

WHEREAS, out-of-state championships at the Sooner State Games in Oklahoma as a junior and the Arlington Martin Open in Texas as a senior, both in the one hundred sixty pound weight class, were garnered by Christian; and

WHEREAS, Christian Walden has ended his high school career as a Brute Nationals All-American champion at the one hundred thirty-eight pound weight class, a seventh place finish in the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) All-American championship at the one hundred forty-five pound weight class, and an eighth place finish in the NHSCA All-American championship at the one hundred sixty pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, a four-year high school record of one hundred eighty-nine match wins and only fourteen losses, including capping that career with an undefeated senior season of fifty wins, is an exceptional career, and when combined with his academic and leadership accomplishments, Christian Walden can move on to his next academic endeavor having left a powerful legacy of which he should be proud.

WHEREAS, as a result of his academic and athletic accomplishments, Christian Walden has been admitted to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, often referred to as West Point Prep, for the 2017-2018 school year, after which it is expected that he will be admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point as a cadet; and

WHEREAS, while Walden's wrestling accomplishments are certainly stellar, he has also excelled academically with a graduation grade point average of 3.8, a finish in the top five percent of his class, and as a member of the National Honor Society for both his junior and senior years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jon Christian Walden upon his extraordinary accomplishments as a high school wrestler and student.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jon Christian Walden at Airline High School in Bossier City, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE