

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY SENATORS LONG, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Country Music Television (CMT), Louisiana Calling, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) on the Spring 2018 Empowering Education Tour that included eight tour stops and featured Louisiana native and rising country music star, Courtney Cole.

WHEREAS, the CMT Empowering Education Tour served as an opportunity to build awareness of educational and workforce training opportunities available in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, CMT Empowering Education is a comprehensive educational campaign that provided both an online resource and on-the-ground support to aid prospective students in overcoming the most commonly perceived obstacles to furthering education; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana native Courtney Cole was chosen to be the ambassador and spokesperson for the CMT Empowering Education campaign because she is an advocate for education and the mission of two-year colleges, is one of CMT's "Next Women of Country", and has been named one-to-watch by Spotify and Huffington Post; and

WHEREAS, Courtney is forging her own path in music with a sound that is both vivacious and contagious, and she has opened for artists including Miranda Lambert, Kenny Chesney, and Thomas Rhett; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Calling is a nonprofit organization supported by a coalition of passionate people and committed organizations from all corners of Louisiana and beyond, and Louisiana Calling's mission is to develop and conduct a multi-year public messaging campaign designed to help Louisianians discover and appreciate the many educational pathways that lead to high-value jobs and sustainable careers available in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges are Louisiana's workforce solution, and in 2017 LCTCS colleges served more than 131,000 students in credit and noncredit workforce training, and adult education programs; and

WHEREAS, LCTCS colleges had more than 24,000 graduates with eighty percent graduating in high-demand, high-income programs, and had more than 15,000 students transfer to various four-year universities; and

WHEREAS, CMT invested significant resources in the Spring of 2018 Empowering Education Tour in Louisiana, with stops at Bossier Parish Community College, the Winnsboro campus of Louisiana Delta Community College, the Rod Brady campus of Central Louisiana Technical College, SOWELA Technical Community College-Morgan Smith Site, the New Roads campus of Baton Rouge Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, the Reserve campus of River Parishes Community College, and the Lacombe campus of Northshore Technical Community College, telling student success stories and touching thousands of Louisianians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor, recognize, and commend Country Music Television (CMT), Louisiana Calling, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) on the Spring 2018 Empowering Education Tour that included eight tour stops and featured Louisiana native and rising country music star, Courtney Cole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors and System President Monty Sullivan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE