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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ashley Velez of Franklin, Louisiana for her outstanding service as the state president of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)-Louisiana and to recognize her many accomplishments and future aspirations.

WHEREAS, Ashley Velez has served with distinction as the current State President of JAG-Louisiana, an organization that serves more than 12,000 students across the state by preparing them for success in education, employment, and life; and

WHEREAS, despite coming from the small town of Franklin, Louisiana, Ashley Velez has demonstrated the drive, vision, and leadership necessary to make a tremendous impact throughout her five years of participation in the JAG program; and

WHEREAS, she made history by serving as the first-ever JAG State President-Elect for Louisiana from Franklin Senior High School and St. Mary Parish, paving the way for future student leaders to rise and serve with pride and excellence; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure with JAG, Ashley developed vital life and career skills including public speaking, networking, and employability skills, equipping her to thrive in any path she chooses to pursue; and

WHEREAS, at Franklin High School, Ashley was a beacon of positivity and leadership, consistently demonstrating kindness, inclusivity, and an unstoppable work ethic, while inspiring her peers with her go-getter spirit; and

WHEREAS, Ashley is a Cum Laude graduate in the Class of 2024, a testament to her academic dedication and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, she plans to continue her academic journey at South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) this fall, where she will study criminal justice with the goal of making a difference in her community and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ashley Velez for her exceptional service as State President of JAG-Louisiana, recognize her many achievements and her bright future, and

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extend best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ashley Velez.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE