

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Caroline Boley on her numerous accomplishments, her exemplary academic achievements, and on being honored as a recipient of the LSU University Medal.

WHEREAS, the University Medal is LSU's highest academic achievement and was bestowed on only 11 of the 1,582 graduates in the fall commencement on December 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Boley, 2010 valedictorian at Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, was one of the medal recipients, made straight As, maintained a 4.0 grade point average, and graduated summa cum laude at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, while at LSU, Caroline Boley majored in history and did her student teaching at Broadmoor High School in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, she was a student worker in the LSU History Department from August 2011 to May 2013; and

WHEREAS, she became founder and president of the LSU Chapter of the National Council for the Social Studies, an organization that strives to create a community among future secondary teachers of social studies, while offering important tools, skills, and connections needed for success; and

WHEREAS, Caroline was an intern in the office of Governor Bobby Jindal from January to May 2011, working sixteen hours a week in the Constituent Services Department, responding to the governor's mail, email, and phone calls from the public, coordinating issue responses, and processing requests; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of several honors organizations, including the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta; and

WHEREAS, she held Kappa Delta leadership positions and enjoyed giving back to the community and living by the sorority's motto, which is to "strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest"; and

WHEREAS, during the medal ceremony with Dr. F. King Alexander, president and chancellor of LSU, it was announced that Caroline's favorite place on campus is the exact spot her grandfather, Benjamin Van Osdel Jr., stood in a photograph as an LSU student in 1948 on the side of Himes Hall where the Memorial Tower and building arches can be seen in the background; this location fills her with peace and joy, knowing that her grandfather once walked the campus, and her mother, sister, aunt, and uncle before her have since stood in the very same sentimental spot for a photograph as LSU students, and she hopes to pass this tradition on to her children; and

WHEREAS, Caroline's achievements and service began at Captain Shreve, where she was the Legislative Youth Advisory Council member for District 4, a Student Council Senator, Girls' State delegate, president of the sophomore and junior class, Captain Shreve Student of the Year finalist, NCA All-American Cheerleader and varsity captain, freshman and senior maid on the Homecoming Court, junior maid on the Prom Court, Z Club member for four years, Northwest Louisiana Literary Rally participant all four years, French Club president, Artbreak Idol singing finalist, Northwest Louisiana Food Bank Youth Board treasurer, YWCA youth board member, was named to Who's Who and National Honor Society, and received the Chesapeake Energy Leadership Award and Tulane Award for Academic Achievement/Service; and

WHEREAS, Caroline is an extraordinary role model for other students and is worthy of emulation and public recognition and is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Carolyn and Fred Boley, and her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, she deserves to be recognized, honored, and respected for her vast knowledge and superior academic distinction as well as her exemplary deeds to improve and make a positive impact on her campus, and in her city and state; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of extraordinary young women like Caroline Boley.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes the numerous accomplishments and extraordinary academic record of Caroline Boley, and hereby extends congratulations and commendations to her on being honored as a recipient of the LSU University Medal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Caroline Boley.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE