

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Paxton Turner, a junior at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, on being named a Goldwater Scholar.

WHEREAS, the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served his country for fifty-six years as a soldier and statesman, including thirty years of service in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation awarded two hundred eighty scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year to undergraduate sophomores and juniors from the United States; and

WHEREAS, Goldwater Scholarships are widely considered one of the most prestigious undergraduate awards available to students of the sciences; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Goldwater Scholarships were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of one thousand one hundred seven mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Paxton Turner is one of two LSU students recognized by the Goldwater Foundation and awarded the prestigious, nationally competitive Goldwater Scholarship by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the LSU Honors College and has been recognized for his outstanding scholastic achievements in science, math and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Paxton is a junior pursuing a major in mathematics in the College of Science who will graduate in 2015 and is currently researching an Honors Thesis on cluster algebras with Milen Yakimov in LSU's Department of Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, he intends to pursue a PhD in pure mathematics and ultimately hopes to conduct research in number theory and combinatorics and teach at the university level; and

WHEREAS, Paxton Turner merits the utmost respect for the exemplary strides he has taken in his pursuit of academic excellence, and for the tremendous honor and pride that he brings to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Paxton Turner on being named as a Goldwater Scholar and being awarded a scholarship in the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Paxton Turner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE