

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Destrehan High School senior, Cole J. Grieshop, upon being selected as the 2016 Louisiana High School Student of the Year and to recognize his extraordinary accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and achievements of Cole Grieshop, a dynamic young student who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability, community service, good character, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the six Student of the Year finalists are chosen from a list of nominees selected from all six regions of the state and representing both public and private schools; the process requires submission of a resume of accomplishments, samples of essay writings, and interviews conducted by selection committee members who assess the communication and critical-thinking skills of each candidate; and

WHEREAS, this program is sponsored by the Department of Education, and on April 13, 2016, presentations were made at an awards ceremony held at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, with numerous honors for academic endeavors and extracurricular activities, Cole Grieshop exemplifies "GPA: Grit, Perseverance, and a Positive Attitude", the student creed of Destrehan High School; and

WHEREAS, Cole Grieshop takes an active role in a variety of organizations and activities that promote academics and athletics at DHS, particularly as president of the National Honor Society, as creator and instructor of the Advanced Placement Preparation and Tutoring program, and as captain of the Gifted Debate Team; and

WHEREAS, Cole has scored a 33 out of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average; after graduation his college of choice is Tulane University in New Orleans where he plans to study biomedical engineering and to seek an advanced degree in neurology; and

WHEREAS, as a well-rounded student Cole placed academics as a top priority; however, he balances his schedule to include participation in soccer as a defensive back for the DHS Wildcats, and the boys team placed second in the Division I, District 5 championship this year; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most exceptional achievement at his tender age is that of published fiction writer; Cole has penned a novel for young adults titled, *What Tides Offer Islands*; and

WHEREAS, Cole Grieshop is an especially gifted young man who has earned the reputation of "walking the walk"; he acts as a model student; he seeks out opportunities to inspire Louisiana youth to set goals and work hard to achieve them; and he generates enthusiasm among his peers to live up to their potential; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society are in great measure dependent upon extraordinary young men like Cole Grieshop who lead by example; and

WHEREAS, Cole's visionary leadership exemplifies integrity, character, inspiration, imagination, civility, and service, as delineated in a quote from John Quincy Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"; and

WHEREAS, Cole J. Grieshop is a talented scholar and citizen with a maturity of mind, who demonstrates a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable and who is most deserving of the 2016 Louisiana High School Student of the Year Award.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Cole J. Grieshop of Destrehan High School, upon selection as the 2016 Louisiana High School Student of the Year; does hereby recognize his singular contributions to the betterment of his school, community, and state; and does hereby extend to him enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family,

friends, the city of Destrehan, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish for him continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Cole J. Grieshop, Stephen Weber, principal of Destrehan High School, and Felicia Gomez-Walker, superintendent of St. Charles Parish School System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES