

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND  
REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, DAVIS, EMERSON,  
HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, NANCY LANDRY,  
MARCELLE, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THOMAS  
AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mackenzie Kay Andrews upon her receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence  
Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category  
of High School Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana  
Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, daughter of Jamie Andrews of Gonzales, Mackenzie Kay Andrews  
attends East Ascension High School; and

WHEREAS, at East Ascension High, Mackenzie has participated in many  
extracurricular activities including: reporter of the National Honor Society, president of the  
Beta Club and Thespian Club, captain of Yell Leader, Senior Mentor, parliamentarian of the  
Student Council, chairman of Linking Lives, a member of Advanced Choir and lettered in  
both varsity volleyball and softball; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her high school career, Mackenzie has received many  
awards and honors including being named Homecoming Queen for the 2016 football year,  
being selected as an Elks Most Valuable Student State Finalist and a Red Hot Counselor at  
Broyhill Leadership Conference, placing first in the Capital Area Human Services PSA  
contest and in the VFW's Voice of Democracy essay contest, and twice being named the  
state champion of the Louisiana Beta Club Group Talent competition; and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie also starred and directed many play productions at her high  
school including *The Help*, *Cinderella*, *Hairspray*, and *The Lion King*; and

WHEREAS, in her local community, Mackenzie found a way to give back using the  
skills she learned in participating in numerous extracurricular activities at East Ascension  
High, volunteering on projects with Habitat for Humanity, tutoring of peers, participating  
in canned food drives, assisting in the financing of a school building in Uganda, and  
volunteering throughout the local community in relief efforts during the recent historic flood

of 2016; and

WHEREAS, despite being involved with these activities and many others, Mackenzie is currently ranked second in her senior class with a grade point average of 4.667 and has been awarded the title of Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie will be attending Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, in the fall of 2017, having earned twenty-seven hours of college credit through the dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses and plans to major in performing arts with the career goal of being a working actress; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, for 2017, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2017 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie has been named a recipient of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award in the category of High School Women of Excellence and is also a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics, leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Mackenzie upon receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mackenzie Kay Andrews upon receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women of Excellence and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mackenzie Kay Andrews.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES