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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Malori Dawn Dupree 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, Malori is the daughter of Jasmine Viator and Kevin Louvierre and the big sister to three half-siblings, three step-siblings, and the younger sister to two step-siblings; and

WHEREAS, Malori of Gueydan High School exhibited a passion for involvement at a very young age as she participated in several honorable programs such as Vermilion Parish Government Day and Louisiana Girls State; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime outstanding student, Malori has received multiple academic awards at the end of each year and as a student at Gueydan High School, she earned the respect of her peers by being selected Homecoming Court Maid three times and Most Studious of her senior class, and she also served as the Gueydan Honey Bears basketball varsity team manager for a total of six years including this year in which they captured the Class A State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Malori has been a member of FCA, FFA, Drama Club, Bruin Year Book Staff, and SPARK Volunteer Service Club, all while maintaining part-time jobs while in high school; and

WHEREAS, despite being a part of these activities and working part time, Malori maintains a cumulative 3.898 GPA and, in addition to being selected as the Vermilion Parish Starfish award recipient, she is a recipient of the JonCade Thomas Clemons Memorial Scholarship and the recipient of McNeese State University's Academic Excellence Scholarship; and

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WHEREAS, Malori will be attending McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in the fall of 2017 where she plans to pursue a degree as a registered nurse and in the near future she hopes to pursue her master's degree in RN-Midwifery, with her ultimate goal of owning a birthing center; and

WHEREAS, Malori thanks her family and the faculty of Gueydan High School for her success; 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, Malori has been named a recipient of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award in the category of High School Women of Excellence and also is 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, Malori 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 Malori upon her 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 Malori Dawn Dupree upon her receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award

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from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women of Excellence and upon her receipt of a 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 Malori Dawn Dupree.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES