

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Rachel Margaret Lautigar upon her receipt of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Rachel Margaret Lautigar is the daughter of Delene Rawls and Scott Lautigar and a graduate of Bastrop High School in Bastrop, Louisiana, where she was the valedictorian, the executive officer for the Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps, and the Morehouse Parish Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL), she has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a double major in political science and history and a double minor in international business and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Rachel is the deputy chief justice in the Student Government Association, an executive board member of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, secretary for Young Americans for Liberty, administrator and promotions director for The Pulse Campus Ministry, and the student editor for the university magazine, *La Louisiane*; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the honors program, the UL social media team, the National Society for Leadership and Success, the International Studies Society, and the University Program Council; and

WHEREAS, Rachel recently won the Chrisler Levine Best Paper in Political Science award from the department of political science and attended the College of Law conference

sponsored by the Cato Institute as a Bastiat Scholar; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2018, she will be one of thirty high school and college students attending a mission trip to Austria with the Apostolic Youth Corps, as well as one of twenty-eight Hertog Foundation summer fellows attending summer classes in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, within her community, Rachel volunteers as a judge in the Louisiana High School Speech League, is a member of the communications team at the Pentecostals of Lafayette, and is active in local political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, while an office worker for the political science department, she helped professors as a research assistant, and is looking forward to submitting articles of her own for publication; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, she plans to attend law school and earn a dual degree in public policy, and her future career goals include practicing law as a litigator, and eventually working in government, all while advocating for the preservation of individual liberties; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has always desired to work closely with and in government, and got her first experience as a page for the Louisiana House of Representatives in the 2015 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, immediately following her return home, she was hired as a legislative student worker for Representative Katrina R. Jackson in Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, her time as a page and legislative worker solidified her future pursuits, and are still regarded as her favorite jobs held; 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 2018, there are two categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence and High School Women of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2018 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, April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has been named a recipient of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award in the category of College 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, Rachel 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 Rachel upon receipt of a 2018 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 Rachel Margaret Lautigar upon receipt of a 2018 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College 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 Rachel Margaret Lautigar.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES