

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Lauren Vizza, television morning news anchor on Channel 6 in Shreveport, Louisiana, on being named Miss Louisiana USA 2018.

WHEREAS, Lauren Vizza is a Shreveport, Louisiana, native and a 2009 graduate of Caddo Magnet High School who attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vizza chose to attend Louisiana Tech University and concentrate on her studies and play soccer, a dream that was ended when she suffered a knee injury, causing her to look to other avenues of involvement; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Tech, Lauren Vizza was a member of Sigma Kappa social sorority and served as the vice president of philanthropy; it was in this role that Lauren encouraged her fellow students to become more involved in service opportunities beyond campus; and Lauren helped found the "Mr. Tech" pageant, which is an official Children's Miracle Network fundraiser, and the pageant continues in its fifth year to benefit that nonprofit; and

WHEREAS, vowing at the beginning of her college career to accept every opportunity that came to her, Lauren Vizza participated in the Miss Tech contest and, in 2012, she was named Miss Louisiana, she competed in the Miss America pageant, and she took a year off from her college studies to serve as a hostess for the state and to travel around Louisiana as spokesperson for prominent Louisiana organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vizza says that her involvement in that pageant and her success as Miss Louisiana transformed her from "this nineteen-year-old girl that wasn't really sure of life to being an independent, female warrior woman", a description of herself that Lauren readily accepts and of which she is appropriately proud; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Louisiana Tech with a bachelor of art's degree in political science and history, Lauren continued to pursue success in the Miss Louisiana USA competition, which she entered five times, acknowledging she entered this year knowing she would not compete for this title again; and

WHEREAS, as a lovely, intelligent, and self-confident twenty-seven-year-old, Lauren Vizza accomplished the long-elusive goal and was named Miss Louisiana USA for 2018, allowing her to continue to further compete in the Miss USA contest; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2016, Lauren Vizza has served as the television morning news anchor for KTAL Channel 6, the National Broadcasting Corporation affiliate in the Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, area, and she is enjoying her involvement in bringing the news to the people of the northwestern area of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vizza has maintained her commitment to the Children's Miracle Network, the March of Dimes, and the Louisiana Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health, as well as other worthwhile endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vizza continues to garner awards, and not all on the pageant stage; this year she has been named a Forty under Forty honoree, she remains active in her sorority alumni group, and she is a provisional member of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Vizza is an intelligent, beautiful, and accomplished young woman who has continually sought experiences beyond her beloved Shreveport-Bossier City area of Louisiana, broadening her view and understanding, who has brought honor to her state in the manner in which she has represented the state, and she remains grounded in her community, particularly through her work with area nonprofit organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lauren Vizza, television morning news anchor on Channel 6 in Shreveport, Louisiana, on being named Miss Louisiana USA 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lauren Vizza.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE