

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR PRICE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Joel Walker for earning the national Cooke College Scholarship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize Joel Walker for being one of only two Louisiana recipients
3 earning the national Cooke College Scholarship sponsored by the Jack Kent Cooke
4 Foundation.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Joel Walker was born and raised in Donaldsonville; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is currently dually enrolled at Donaldsonville High School
7 and River Parishes Community College through the Early College Option program, and will
8 graduate in May with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree; and

9 WHEREAS, he plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in pre-med at Morehouse
10 College with the ultimate goal of becoming a trauma surgeon; and

11 WHEREAS, his ACT score placed him in the 85th percentile nationally and served
12 as one of the many qualifications earning him the Cooke College Scholarship; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was chosen from a pool of more than 5,800 applicants
14 residing in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas,
15 the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; and

16 WHEREAS, the private, independent Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is the largest
17 scholarship provider in the United States, dedicated to advancing the education of
18 exceptionally promising students who have financial needs; and

1 WHEREAS, the Cooke College Scholarship program provides participating students
2 with financial support, educational advising from Foundation staff, access to a network of
3 over 2,800 active scholars and alumni, comprehensive counseling, and other support services
4 such as internships and studies abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, since 2000 the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded over \$222
6 million in scholarships to over 2,800 students from eighth grade through graduate school;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker has proven to be the epitome of everything the Early
9 College Option program and the Cooke College Scholarship program requires, evidenced
10 by his dedication to his community, academics, and goals for life; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is certainly on the road to becoming a successful
12 twenty-first century leader who will make Donaldsonville and Louisiana proud.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby commend Joel Walker for earning the prestigious national Cooke College
15 Scholarship, and hereby records for posterity his many accomplishments, and does hereby
16 extend best wishes for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
18 Joel Walker.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

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