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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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

COMMENDATIONS. To commend Kristen Blair Weimer on being selected to receive a High School Women of Excellence Award and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Kristen Blair Weimer on being selected to receive a High School Women of
3	Excellence Award and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation
4	Scholarship.
5	WHEREAS, Kristen Blair Weimer is the daughter of Katherine and Philip Weimer
6	Jr. and attends Edward Douglas White Catholic High School in Raceland, Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, love for leadership and service to others began at a very young age and
8	4-H has always played an important role in her life; and
9	WHEREAS, Kristen served as secretary, vice president, and president of her
10	elementary and high school 4-H clubs, and served as a member of the Louisiana State 4-H
11	Science, Engineering and Technology State Board, currently serves as its vice president, and
12	also serves as the 4-H Executive Board President for Lafourche Parish; and
13	WHEREAS, she is an active participant and competitor in her state 4-H shooting
14	sports team and earned a spot on the state and national Youth Hunter Education Challenge
15	(YHEC) shooting team; and
16	WHEREAS, Kristen is skilled in archery and shooting sports disciplines, has been
17	named the YHEC State Orienteering Winner along with the YHEC State Hunters Safety Test
18	Overall Winner, and also received various awards in archery; and

1	WHEREAS, raised on a sugarcane farm, she is aware of the importance of the sugar
2	industry and was named the Louisiana 4-H State Sugar Ambassador, serving as an advocate
3	and educating youth about the industry and its importance to our state economy; and
4	WHEREAS, Kristen also serves as vice president of the Lafourche Parish Junior
5	Leader Club where she led several service projects, including working with the Court
6	Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, Operation Christmas Child, local animal
7	shelters, and is currently working on a project called "Caring for our Coast"; and
8	WHEREAS, Kristen was awarded the Prudential Spirit Award for her leadership and
9	service to her community, currently serves as her high school choir president, is a member
10	of the track team, Ecology Club, Campus Ministry, Music Ministry, Science Olympiad
11	Team, and National Honor Society; and
12	WHEREAS, despite her involvement in school and community organizations, she
13	has maintained a 3.89 GPA throughout her high school career, is the recipient of the Saint
14	Michael's Book Award for Leadership and Service, and received the Key Club award for
15	outstanding leadership in her community; and
16	WHEREAS, Kristen plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine where she will
17	continue to remain active in agriculture and serve her community and the animals they love;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, she will attend Nicholls State University in the fall where she will study
20	biology with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; and
21	WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
22	of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
23	committed to community service to better society as a whole; and
24	WHEREAS, for 2017, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence
25	Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero
26	of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and
27	WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2017 Women of Excellence Awards are being
28	recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
29	Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 9, 2017; and
30	WHEREAS, Kristen has been named a recipient of a 2017 Women of Excellence

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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

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WHEREAS, Kristen 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 Kristen 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 Kristen Blair Weimer 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 Kristen Blair Weimer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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