

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University student Madelyn Smith of Lafayette, Louisiana, on being named a 2018 Udall Scholar.

WHEREAS, Madelyn Smith is a junior at LSU majoring in natural resource ecology and management with a concentration in conservation biology with minors in painting and drawing; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn Smith is a part of the Louisiana Service and Leadership Scholars Program, which prepares Ogden Honors College students for leadership in public service, social justice, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn Smith was a 2017 Udall Scholar, is the president and founder of the Sierra Student Coalition at LSU, and was previously awarded the Roger Hadfield Ogden Leaders Award; with funds from the latter, she published a book, *Louisiana Gone*, which documents the sociocultural effects of wetland loss through interviews and portraits of Louisiana coastal natives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is a team leader for Spring Break International and a member of the Minority Women's Movement; she has served as an ESL tutor for many years; she is also a research intern with *Coastal Voices*, an audio documentary series that explores the relationships between people, land, and water in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Ms. Smith plans to pursue a master's in environmental management with a specialization in human dimensions, and she hopes to explore how the environment influences local culture and to create policy that positively affects the environment in Louisiana and its threatened coast; and

WHEREAS, Congress established the Udall Foundation in 1992 as an independent executive branch agency to honor Morris K. Udall's lasting impact on the United State's environment, public lands, and natural resources, and his support of the rights and self-governance of American Indians and Alaskan Natives; Madelyn Smith is one of two Udall Scholarship recipients from LSU; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is awarded based on the candidate's commitment to a career in the environment, Native American health care, or tribal public policy; the candidate's leadership potential, academic achievement, and record of public service are also vital factors in determining scholars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Madelyn Smith upon being named a 2018 Udall Scholar; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her exceptional academic achievements and singular contributions; does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor she brings to her community and state; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Madelyn Smith.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES