

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

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 AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Godis Jackson is the daughter of Valencia and John Jackson and the older sister of Loveis Jackson, a native of Baton Rouge, and a recent alumna of Baton Rouge Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, during her high school years, she was a member of the junior varsity volleyball team as well as numerous clubs, most notable of which are Youth and Government, Mock Trial, DECA, National Honor Society and Student Government Association (SGA); and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, Godis served as team captain of one of the Mock Trial teams, and for the last year she served as SGA Vice President and as a co-president of her school's DECA chapter; and

WHEREAS, within these clubs, she was recognized for her leadership, accomplishments and service to her school, peers and community and, through her clubs alone, she completed over sixty hours of community service, was selected best witness and attorney multiple times in Mock Trial competitions, and placed at the state and international levels in DECA competitions; and

WHEREAS, outside of school, Godis works and pursues activities both for fun and geared toward her career goals, and she is currently employed as a math instructor at Mathnasium and interns with the office of Mayor-President Melvin L. "Kip" Holden where she helps coordinate the East Baton Rouge Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her four high school summers, she won a national financial literacy competition, took a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and pilgrimage

to the Holy Land, was selected to attend National Student Leadership Conference where she participated in a tour of the Pentagon, and attended Louisiana Girls State where she was one of two girls chosen to represent Louisiana at Girls Nation and meet with President Barack Obama at the White House; and

WHEREAS, as a reprieve from her daily tasks, Godis enjoys writing, performing, and listening to spoken word; she is a member of Wordcrew, a local youth spoken word organization; has received awards for her poetry and has had the distinction of having her work published in multiple literary journals; and

WHEREAS, before graduating, Godis was nominated for Student of the Year, named an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction, and awarded the Questbridge National Scholarship, and she plans to attend Pomona College in Claremont, California, and pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; and

WHEREAS, she lives by the quote, "Make no small plans for they have no power to stir men's blood", and eagerly awaits the legacy she will leave upon the world as she pursues her passions in education, financial literacy, public policy, and public service; 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 2016, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2016 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, May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Godis Jackson has been named a recipient of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award in the category of High School Women of Excellence and also is 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, Godis Jackson 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 Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016 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 Godis Jackson upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women of Excellence and upon her receipt of a 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 Godis Jackson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES