

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT AND PETERSON AND
REPRESENTATIVES NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE AND SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Che'dra J. Joseph 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, Che'dra Joseph is a 2016 graduate of McKinley High School where she maintained over a 4.0 grade point average, was a member of the Great Scholars Program, excelled academically in dual enrollment and advanced placement classes, and was a talented art student; and

WHEREAS, she was named the McKinley High School 2015-16 Student of the Year and was a finalist for East Baton Rouge Parish Student of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, during a town hall held at McKinley High School, Ms. Joseph had the honor of introducing the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, during Che'dra's four years at McKinley High School, she actively participated in the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Youth and Government Club, and the Fashion Club and helped to establish McKinley's Gay Straight Alliance Club; and

WHEREAS, she has completed two and one-half years of Junior Reserved Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), was second in command in the Armed Drill Team her sophomore year while serving as an acting executive officer for her company, has received a multitude of awards including the Distinguished Cadet Award, Academic Excellence Award and the Academic Achievement Ribbon, participated in a JROTC Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Camp her junior summer where she was awarded the Overall Leadership Award for the week, and was the highest ranking female when she was first promoted to the rank of captain in her sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of her junior year, Che'dra raised monies to travel to South America as an exchange student, where she completed a two-week immersion program and six months of cultural exchange; 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, Che'dra J. Joseph 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, Che'dra J. Joseph 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 Che'dra J. Joseph 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 Che'dra J. Joseph 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

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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 Che'dra J. Joseph.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES