

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend incoming Northwestern State University Student Government Association President Otha "Tre" Nelson III, on his achievements and leadership.

WHEREAS, Otha "Tre" Nelson III is an outstanding young leader and student from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who is attending Northwestern State University and has been elected as the incoming NSU Student Government Association president; and

WHEREAS, Tre recently spent several days in Washington, D.C., where he lobbied on Capitol Hill for the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition (FGRC) as one of two student representatives on the National Board of Directors for a group representing the interest of fraternity and sorority life; and

WHEREAS, the stated mission of FGRC is to give fraternity and sorority life a proper representation in Congress and assure that members of these organizations have congressional members protecting their rights as organizations and the biggest issue taken on by FGRC is to push for the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) to get passed by Congress which makes all donations to not-for-profits like fraternities and sororities 100% tax deductible as with donations to universities and also to preserve charitable giving and single sex status of greek organizations; and

WHEREAS, Tre Nelson is a junior liberal arts major with a concentration in politics, philosophy, and law in the Louisiana Scholars' College and has been active during his college career as a freshman orientation leader and a member of the President's Leadership Program as well as being a counselor for the Louisiana Boys State program for two years; and

WHEREAS, last year, Nelson was one of fifty fraternity and sorority members from around the country selected to lobby on behalf of FGRC on Capitol Hill and at the conclusion of the term, he was selected as one of two students to sit on the board of directors for a group representing the interest of fraternity and sorority life; and

WHEREAS, after a group meeting with Louisiana Representative Mike Johnson on the issues facing fraternity and sorority members, the congressman agreed to cosponsor the CHIA bill; and

WHEREAS, this summer, Nelson is interning for the Theodore Jones Law Firm in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Tre Nelson is a talented young man who demonstrates impeccable leadership and a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable; and

WHEREAS, he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations and it is fitting to herald the achievements of Louisiana's accomplished youth like Tre Nelson, a model student and citizen who represents the best and brightest of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend incoming Northwestern State University Student Government Association President Otha "Tre" Nelson III, for his achievements and leadership and does hereby record for posterity the pride and honor that he brings to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Otha "Tre" Nelson III.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES