

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATORS BARROW, COLOMB, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, DAVIS, EMERSON, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THOMAS AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Emily Ames Otken upon her receipt of a 2018 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, Emily Ames Otken is the daughter of Jim and Michelle Otken, has one sibling, Ella Otken, and is a graduating senior at Denham Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, she was selected Denham Springs High School Student of the Year and is a straight 'A' honor student currently enrolled in four Advance Placement classes with a cumulative grade point average of 4.2449 and an ACT composite score of 31; and

WHEREAS, Emily is the recipient of the Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce Academic Award Scholarship, the Denham Springs Masonic Lodge Honesty and Integrity Award, the Greater Baton Rouge State Fair Outstanding High School Volunteer Scholarship, the Jim Justice Scholarship, and the Tulane University Book Award Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, she is a leader who is actively involved in many Denham Springs High School clubs, including Mu Alpha Theta as its vice president, Jackets Against Destructive Decisions publicist, Future Business Leaders of America reporter, Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader, AP Society leader, Key Club, National Honor Society, and the Rotary International Interact Club; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Emily is a twelve-year active volunteer and member of Live Oak United Methodist Church, as well as a twelve-year member of the Livingston Parish Children's Choir Chorale having performed for the inauguration of Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards; and

WHEREAS, she is an eleven-year competitive classical piano student of the Rushing Piano Studio, was awarded fourth place in the Louisiana Torgrimson Swanzy State Piano Rally Level IV, and a winner of numerous piano competitions; and

WHEREAS, Emily is a Livingston Parish Talented Theater and Music student and had the lead role in several productions such as Getting to Know the Sound of Music and the Wizard of Oz; and

WHEREAS, during her graduation ceremony, she will be awarded the Louisiana Community Service Diploma Endorsement for her active volunteerism with Ochsner Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Department, Livingston Parish Cry Out America 9/11 Prayer and Remembrance service, Mighty Moms Food Pantry, and the Blue Star Moms Wreaths Across America and Memorial Day Garden of Flags; and

WHEREAS, Emily will attend Louisiana State University as an Ogden Honors College student and will major in biology with a minor in political science; and

WHEREAS, after college, she plans to attend medical school and to specialize in pediatrics with a concentration in neonatology and hopes to complete her residency at a Level IV NICU Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in the NICU, she wants to research the mutations in the COL1A1/COL1A2 genes that result in osteogenesis imperfecta; and

WHEREAS, Emily hopes to use her medical doctorate to benefit her community by establishing her practice in Louisiana and continuing to volunteer with the organizations she currently works with; 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 2018, there are two categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence and High School Women of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2018 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, April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Emily has been named a recipient of a 2018 Women of Excellence 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

WHEREAS, Emily 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 Emily upon receipt of a 2018 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 Emily Ames Otken upon receipt of a 2018 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 Emily Ames Otken.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES