

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University student Syed Akbar Zamin of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, upon being named a 2019 Goldwater Scholar.

WHEREAS, Goldwater Scholars are awarded one- and two-year \$7,500 stipends to pursue undergraduate research in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering; and

WHEREAS, Syed Akbar Zamin, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is a junior studying Biomedical Engineering in the LSU College of Engineering and, under the leadership of Myungwoong Kim and Jangwook Jung, Zamin's research focuses on the characterization of a new biomaterial of collagen-lignin; lignin has the ability to modulate mechanical properties without creating the issues of cytotoxicity and immunogenicity; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Zamin plans to pursue a combined MD/PhD in biomedical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Congress established the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater who served his country for fifty-six years as a soldier and statesman, including thirty years of service in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields; and

WHEREAS, according to the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation, this is the first time in its history the Foundation will be naming 496 scholars in a single competition year which became possible with support from Congress and in collaboration with the Department of Defense National Defense Education Program; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, the LSU College of Engineering offers eleven undergraduate degree programs and confers approximately six hundred fifty bachelor's degrees per year, ranking it in the top ten percent nationally for graduates, and faculty members engage in education, research, and commercialization with a strategic focus on research indigenous to Louisiana: energy, manufacturing, natural & built infrastructure, computation and biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zamin was chosen from a group of one thousand two hundred twenty-three students from four hundred forty-three institutions nominated for a Goldwater Scholarship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Syed Akbar Zamin upon being named a 2019 Goldwater Scholar; does hereby recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this young scholar, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he brings to the state of Louisiana, and does wish him full measures of happiness and success in all his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Syed Akbar Zamin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES