

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS AND WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rachel Elizabeth Schultz on her reign as the seventy-sixth Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen for 2012-2013.

WHEREAS, in June of last year, Miss Rachel Elizabeth Schultz was crowned the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen and has graciously represented her city and state during this time; and

WHEREAS, Rachel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl M. Schultz, is a regal legacy in that her mother, Lucy Vesich Schultz, also reigned in 1976-1977 as Queen of the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail; and

WHEREAS, Rachel is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Vesich Jr.; her late grandfather, the Honorable Anthony Vesich Jr. was a member of the House of Representatives from 1953 until 1973 representing the New Orleans area and is well remembered by this body; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Floral Trail has a colorful history that dates back to the 1930's when a federal grant was commissioned to beautify the vast landscapes of the city with the planting of an abundance of azaleas, camellias, palms, and crepe myrtles; and

WHEREAS, today this arboreal wonder serpentine seventy-eight miles from the banks of the Mississippi River to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, winding its way through Jefferson and Kenner; and

WHEREAS, Rachel made her Floral Trail debut in 1999 as a princess of the court and followed as a demoiselle in two later courts; and

WHEREAS, Miss Schultz was a graduate of Mount Carmel Academy with extracurricular activities that included Student Ambassador, Varsity Soccer, and Christian Life Community; she was the recipient of the Louisiana Young Hero Award, the Cox Communications Inspiration Award, the American Citizenship Award, the Helping Hands Award, and upon graduation, the Sister Mary Grace Danos O. Carm. Award for outstanding community service and a four-year scholarship from the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, while at LSU she pledged Delta Gamma Sorority and continued to volunteer with organizations that included the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, Kids Kicking Cancer, Inc., the Children's Leukemia League of New Orleans, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and

WHEREAS, Miss Schultz is a recent spring graduate of Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology who plans to pursue graduate studies in Occupational Therapy; and

WHEREAS, as queen, Rachel has represented the city of New Orleans at festivals throughout Louisiana, traveled thousands of miles, and she was invited to Washington, D.C., to attend the annual Mardi Gras ball presented by the Mystik Krewe of Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, Rachel provides inspiration for Louisiana's youth to set lofty goals and work tirelessly to achieve them; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Elizabeth Schultz is to be congratulated for her many achievements and for the tremendous honor she imparts to her family, to the city of New Orleans, and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Rachel Elizabeth Schultz, the reigning seventy-sixth Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen for 2012-2013, for her many accomplishments and talents

and does hereby extend its best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rachel Elizabeth Schultz.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES