

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Kelsie Tillage on earning the Gold Medal Congressional Award.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kelsie Tillage on earning the national Gold Medal Congressional Award.

3 WHEREAS, the Congressional Award was established in 1979 by Congress as a  
4 public-private partnership and is the only nonprofit organization affiliated with the United  
5 States Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, the Gold Medal Congressional Award is the highest honor a youth  
7 civilian can achieve through the United States Senate and House of Representatives which  
8 recognizes initiative, service, and achievement by youth ages fourteen through twenty-four;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, since the inception of this prestigious award there have only been five  
11 thousand gold medalists and only eighty-four were from Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, Kelsie Tillage is one of Louisiana's first high school students to receive  
13 the Gold Medal Congressional Award which requires four hundred hours of voluntary public  
14 service, two hundred hours of personal development, two hundred hours of physical fitness,  
15 and a five-day exploration; and

16 WHEREAS, Kelsie earned the four hundred hours of voluntary public service work  
17 by being involved in several volunteer ventures such as tutoring, reading, and creating book  
18 logs for children, letter-writing campaigns, and providing digital content for nonprofit

1 organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, she achieved the two hundred hours of personal development and  
3 physical fitness requirements by participating in several extracurricular activities such as  
4 varsity and club volleyball, youth and government, Southern University Laboratory School  
5 (SULS) Student Government Association, where she served as secretary and vice president,  
6 and Level 3 Photography in Futures Fund; and

7 WHEREAS, Kelsie met the five-day exploration requirement during her exploration  
8 of South Africa in which she deciphered dialects of different languages; and

9 WHEREAS, as a junior at SULS in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a 4.29-grade point  
10 average, she is dually enrolled at Southern University in honors and advance placement  
11 courses, is a published author, and a regional teen officer for Jack and Jill of America,  
12 Incorporated; and

13 WHEREAS, Kelsie says, "Receiving this award is truly an honor, and more  
14 importantly, I hope to inspire others to be more involved in their communities to elevate  
15 themselves and those around them."; and

16 WHEREAS, she further states, "I hope that receiving this award allows me to  
17 broaden my reach in my endeavors to create and explore."; and

18 WHEREAS, after being published in an anthology, Kelsie is inspired to create her  
19 own, titled *Unpopular Opinions*, set to release in Summer 2022, because she says, "I  
20 realized many people have vast opinions and stories that they want to share."; and

21 WHEREAS, Kelsie has promised to keep her journey updated at [kelsieania.com](http://kelsieania.com); and

22 WHEREAS, the accomplishments obtained by Kelsie Tillage thus far indicate that  
23 the future of this young woman from Louisiana will yield boundless opportunities for  
24 personal and societal growth for the betterment of mankind.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby commend Kelsie Tillage on earning the national Gold Medal Congressional  
27 Award, does hereby record for posterity her accomplishments, and does hereby extend best  
28 wishes for continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
30 Kelsie Tillage.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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