

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Sarah Devlin, a film and media arts student from the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), upon receipt of the 2012 Portfolio Gold Medal from Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and self-motivation of novice film maker, Sarah Devlin, who has been recognized for her exceptional visual artistry by The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization that identifies emerging young talent and provides them with exposure to a national audience through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Sarah was chosen by a national panel of judges to receive the Gold Medal for her portfolio of eight selected films: *Conformation*, *Dans le Clair du Temps*, *Writer's Block*, *Every Bone*, *Long Now*, *Attention to Detail*, *Traverse*, and *As The Blade Drops*; each film is unique in content and tone; each is a reflection of her own life experiences; and one is a music video she created with a New Orleans street musician; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Devlin is an advanced student in the Media Arts Program for film making and audio production at NOCCA; the complexity and depth of her cinematic projects displayed great promise from the beginning; her audition piece, *Writer's Block*, won first place in the student division at the Louisiana Film Festival in 2009, plus several awards for achievements in Best Animation/Experimental competition, Charitable Film Network Special Jury Prize, and the Jefferson Hendricks Achievement in Film Award - Best of Festival; and

WHEREAS, for the last three years Sarah Devlin has been recognized by The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and other similar organizations with numerous honors from regional and national competitions; her Scholastic Art & Writing Awards include three

Regional Gold Keys for Film, Animation, and Film Portfolio, a National Silver Medal in Film and Animation, and this year's Portfolio Gold Medal in Film also includes a ten thousand dollar scholarship; her production style traverses different imagery genre from documentary to German Expressionism to French New Wave; and

WHEREAS, she has received recognition as a Young Arts National Finalist from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, as a nominee for the Presidential Scholar in the Arts, and she is the only student from the state of Louisiana to receive this honor, and as a recipient of the following, the Rochelle Ross Scholar Award for Foreign Language from Loyola University, and Honors Awards to attend both Savannah College of Art and Design and the Maryland Institute College of Art; and

WHEREAS, along with her Portfolio Gold Medal and hefty scholarships, Ms. Devlin will attend the annual National Awards Ceremony held in New York City on June 1, 2012, at prestigious Carnegie Hall and will have her film work showcased at Parsons The New School for Design in Manhattan; and next year her artwork will be in an exhibit to tour throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Devlin is also a graduating senior at Ben Franklin High School in New Orleans with a cache of awards and interests to her academic credit, such as BFHS Film Club, BFHS Falcon TV Club Service Award, French Language Interpretive Reading at Louisiana High School Rally, National Spanish Exam - Premio de Oro, Association Americaine des Professeurs De Francais - Certificat d'honneur Laureat National, Louisiana Music Teachers District Rally for Piano, New Orleans Music Teachers Association - Romantic and Contemporary Audition Award, and the Loyola University Swanz Cup Piano Festival and its Music Preparatory Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2012, Sarah Devlin was honored at NOCCA during the opening of the traveling tour of ART.WRITE.NOW, an exhibit of select works from the 2011 Scholastic Award winners; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Devlin is a talented young filmmaker and a visual artist of the highest caliber, who demonstrates near limitless creativity and a commitment to excellence beyond her years; she is truly a worthy recipient of the 2012 Portfolio Gold Medal Award and deserving of the many accolades she has earned; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Devlin is to be congratulated for the many academic and artistic accomplishments and for the tremendous pride she imparts to her family, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sarah Devlin for her wealth of creativity in the visual arts and in her outstanding scholarly pursuits, and does hereby congratulate her upon receipt of the 2012 Portfolio Gold Medal from Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her film repertoire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its best wishes to Sarah Devlin for continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sarah Devlin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE