

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Devon Wade, LSU student, on being named a Truman Scholar.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, Devon Wade, a student at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College was named a Truman Scholar for his community service and academic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade is one of this year's 60 Truman Scholars, representing 54 colleges and universities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, these recipients were selected from a pool of 576 candidates nominated by 245 colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, he is the only student selected from Louisiana to receive the scholarship this year; and

WHEREAS, Devon Wade is LSU's first African-American Truman Scholar; and

WHEREAS, by overcoming great obstacles and joining No More Victims, Inc., which aids children of incarcerated parents, he was able to share his personal experiences and raise public awareness of the struggles of these children; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran representative and mentor for the organization No More Victims, Inc., Mr. Wade has spoken both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, a junior at LSU, Devon Wade is pursuing a double major in sociology with a concentration in criminology and African and African-American studies, and will graduate early in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade selected LSU over all other universities in his home state of Texas, demonstrating the ability of LSU to attract young talent to our state; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology and focus on social phenomena that plague urban or inner city children and families; and

WHEREAS, Devon Wade joins five other LSU students who have received Truman Scholarships to date; and

WHEREAS, Truman Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a foundation-funded graduate degree program as a condition of their receiving Truman funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Devon Wade, LSU student, on being named a Truman Scholar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Devon Wade and Louisiana State University.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE