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KERRY COOLEY is congratulated for being named the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen for Monroe County recently by DAR Regent Jean Giroir and organizing Regent Key Wilkinson.

Senior is named DAR Good Citizen

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FLORIDA KEYS — Kerry Cooley knows that she's a good student and an award-winning athlete. She knows that prospects for the future are bright.

The Coral Shores High School senior said she sets goals for herself and does her best to achieve them. Now, she can add to her accomplishments the honor of being named the winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Program in Monroe County.

In announcing the award, group Regent Jean Giroir said this year's choice of the winner wasn't that difficult, because of Miss Cooley's accomplishments.

"She's outstanding," Mrs. Giroir said. "She excels in athletics and academics."

The Good Citizen award is judged on qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism, according to Kay Wilkinson, chairman of the program.

Senior class members in Keys high schools selected three students to represent each school in competition for the award. The field was narrowed to one representative from each school by teachers, guidance counselors and principals, Mrs. Wilkinson said.

The final selection was made by DAR

members from the five finalists. Mrs. Wilkinson said this was the first year that all five high schools in the Keys participated.

Miss Cooley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cooley of Tavernier.

She is president of the National Honor Society, Math Club, Yearbook Staff and Mother Earth Ecology Club at Coral Shores.

In addition, she's been atop her class academically, has been team captain and an all-conference player in three high school sports, and set a record over a period of five years by winning 15 athletic letters, Mrs. Wilkinson said.

Miss Cooley takes the award in stride, and is modest about her achievements.

She said she's been number one academically but is "fighting" to keep that ranking. Of her accomplishments, she said simply, "I do my best."

"I like sports because it breaks things up between school," she said. "When I got involved in sports, I set a goal of trying to be number one."

She said her secret of success is to "work hard, set goals and try to achieve them."

She said that when she fails to meet a goal, "I tell myself I've done the best I can, and then go on."