

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND FOIL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana State University women's gymnastics team on an outstanding 2016 season

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana State University women's gymnastics team on an outstanding
3 2016 season.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University (LSU) gymnastics team completed its
5 season as the national runner-up at the 2016 Women's National Collegiate Gymnastics
6 Championship in Fort Worth, Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers tallied a score of 197.45 to place second, the best finish
8 in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers used a solid 197.33 score in the Semifinal I to earn a
10 spot in the Super Six to qualify for the national championship meet, the third time in the last
11 four years and the fifth time overall; and

12 WHEREAS, for the first time in school history, LSU's women's gymnastics team
13 reached the 30-win milestone with a 31-6 overall record; and

14 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers' postseason record was 18-4, and the eighteen
15 postseason wins are the most in a single season in LSU history; and

16 WHEREAS, LSU ranked in the top five in all four events, one of only three teams
17 in the nation to do so; and

18 WHEREAS, for the third consecutive season, the LSU women's gymnastics team
19 finished with a perfect home record and compiled seventeen total All-America honors:
20 eleven at the championships and six in the regular season; and

1 WHEREAS, LSU shattered the home attendance record for the fourth straight
2 season; an average nine thousand nine hundred six fans attended each meet this season, and
3 a school record of thirteen thousand two hundred ninety-six fans packed the Pete Maravich
4 Assembly Center on March 4, 2016, to watch LSU defeat Alabama 197.925 to 196.225; and

5 WHEREAS, head coach D-D Breaux reached an exclusive milestone of seven
6 hundred career wins at the national championships; and

7 WHEREAS, Ashleigh Gnat earned Southeastern Conference (SEC) Specialist of the
8 Year and National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches / Women Central Region
9 Gymnast of the Year honors; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Gnat also won the SEC floor exercise title, the fifth gymnast in
11 LSU history to claim the honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Sydney Ewing, Sara Finnegan, Ashleigh Gnat, Myia Hambrick, Lexie
13 Priessman, and Jessica Savona earned a combined seventeen All-America honors during the
14 2016 season; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Finnegan and McKenna Kelley both earned SEC All-Freshman
16 honors to become the seventh and eighth LSU gymnasts to earn the distinction since the
17 honor began in 2009, and Ms. Finnegan, Ms. Gnat, and Ms. Hambrick tallied All-SEC
18 honors, giving LSU a grand total of seventy in program history; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Hambrick was the national runner-up for the floor exercise national
20 title and placed third in the final all-around standings, and Ms. Gnat set the LSU
21 single-season record with six perfect 10 scores, including a school single-season record of
22 four perfect scores on floor exercise and two perfect scores on vault; and

23 WHEREAS, LSU won a total of nine SEC Weekly honors: Ms. Hambrick was SEC
24 Gymnast of the Week three times, Ms. Gnat was SEC Gymnast of the Week once, Ms. Shae
25 Zamardi was SEC Specialist of the Week once, Ms. Gnat was SEC Specialist of the Week
26 once, and Ms. Sarah Finnegan was SEC Freshman of the Week three times; and

27 WHEREAS, six Lady Tigers finished the season ranked in the top twenty-five
28 nationally in at least one category, a feat which tied a school record; and

1 WHEREAS, twenty routines and six All-Americans are expected to return for the
2 2017 season, as well as three talented newcomers, Kennedy Edney, Ruby Harrold, and
3 Ashlyn Kirby, who will join the team; and

4 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
5 without the guidance and skills of head coach D-D Breaux, associate head coach Jay Clark,
6 assistant coach Bob Moore, volunteer coach Ashleigh-Clare Kearney, and director of
7 operations Katie Copeland, along with all the other individuals who have contributed to the
8 success of the LSU women's gymnastics program; and

9 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of
10 Louisiana wish to recognize each of the coaches and the extraordinary Lady Tigers team
11 members on their much deserved success throughout the 2016 season, which was earned
12 through hard work, determination, and dedication to the great sport of gymnastics.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of
15 the Louisiana State University Tigers women's gymnastics team on an outstanding and
16 memorable season and on becoming the national runner-up at the 2016 Women's National
17 Collegiate Gymnastics Championship.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to head
19 coach D-D Breaux.

DIGEST

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