

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATORS PERRY, CORTEZ, BOUDREAUX AND MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend jockey Kent Desormeaux, trainer Keith Desormeaux, and Exaggerator on winning the 141st Preakness Stakes.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 21, 2016, Exaggerator was victorious in the 141st running of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Preakness Stakes is the second jewel of the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing in three-year-olds and consists of one and three-sixteenth miles; and

WHEREAS, Exaggerator, the three-year-old son of two-time Horse of the Year, Curlin, trailed by thirteen lengths at one point but gained ground along the rail; and

WHEREAS, his jockey, Kent Desormeaux, saw an opening around the final turn, angled outside, and Exaggerator took over; and

WHEREAS, he had a winning time of 1:58:31 on a sloppy track, his third win in four lifetime races in such conditions; and

WHEREAS, Exaggerator was the first Kentucky Derby runner-up to win the Preakness Stakes since 1993; and

WHEREAS, it was Kent Desormeaux's third Preakness Stakes win and his seventh career Triple Crown race; and

WHEREAS, his brother, Keith Desormeaux, who began his career in Maryland, experienced his first Preakness Stakes win after spending more than twenty years in horse racing's trenches; and

WHEREAS, Kent and Keith Desormeaux are two of Louisiana's finest sons from Maurice, Louisiana, and merit a special measure of commendation for their outstanding accomplishments in the sport of horse racing; and

WHEREAS, throughout their amazing careers, the brothers have won the hearts of fellow Americans with the respect and admiration they have for one another, their extraordinary talent, deep and heartfelt love for horses and the sport, fierce determination, unwavering integrity, and true Cajun pride.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Kent Desormeaux, Keith Desormeaux, and Exaggerator on a spectacular victory at the 141st Preakness Stakes, and does hereby extend to them best wishes for a triumphant win at the Belmont Stakes and continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kent Desormeaux, Keith Desormeaux, and the owner of Exaggerator.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE