

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Head Coach Angi Butler of Destrehan High School on being named the 2016-2017 Coach of the Year for girls basketball by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and by *USA-Today* and to congratulate her on twenty years of coaching excellence.

WHEREAS, with five consecutive District 7-5A championships and a 120-8 win-loss record, Coach Angi Butler and the Destrehan High School LadyCats completed a sensational "perfect" season of 35-0, then advanced through the playoffs to win the 2017 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Class 5A girls basketball championship, the first ever state title for female athletics in DHS history; and

WHEREAS, Angi Butler deferred the credit for her honors to her extraordinary team, school administrators, and assistant coaches, Meagan Stock and Joanna Welch; and

WHEREAS, during the tournament on March 4, 2017, number three seed Destrehan LadyCats defeated number one seed Barbe High School Lady Buccaneers of Lake Charles by a score of 62-57; and

WHEREAS, this win was the culmination of a magnificent season and was also the final game for Butler as coach; she leaves coaching after seven seasons at DHS to undertake a position as a school administrator and advance her teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Coach Butler has compiled an impressive record during her twenty year career of coaching and teaching and now steps away from basketball to focus on classroom administration; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Butler has progressed to become a full-time coordinator of staff development, a position that empowers her to organize professional growth for teachers and staff at DHS; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Coach Butler earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a minor in health education from Texas Tech University and acquired a master's degree in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2015; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 school year, she was honored as Teacher of the Year at Destrehan High School and was also named St. Charles Parish High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships" is the motto that Coach Angi Butler has instilled in these exceptional athletes; this winning attitude propelled these young women to become prolific basketball players, accomplished academics, and outstanding members of the community who strived to capture the 2017 Class 5A title with a singular team mantra, "Finish"; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 winning team was filled with phenomenal stars on the court, that included Cara "Moon" Ursin, team captain; Kyrsten "Kiki" Kenner, Kali Mealey, Daja Sanchez, Brandi Mason, Jerlicia "Lele" Morris, Korriana Reynaud, Kayla Davis, Sierra Samuels, Darielle Richard, Gia Zeringue, Aja Graham, Britney Lipps, Destiny Dupre, and Marshay Stevenson; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a perfect season record is quite a rare achievement; Coach Butler and the LadyCats possessed an exceptional synergy for the game and teamwork ethic to finish the 2016-2017 season ranked No. 16 in the nation by Maxpreps.com and was one of only ten high school girls basketball teams in the nation to remain unbeaten for the season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Angi Butler was proud to be named Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, Coach Butler was also named Coach of the Year for the American Family Insurance ALL-USA *Today* Louisiana girls basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Angi Butler has a bright future ahead as a school administrator, however, she fondly recalls the traditional two hours of practice on the basketball court as the "best part of her day" and contemplates a return to the coaching ranks, perhaps at the college level; and

WHEREAS, Angi Butler earned these well-deserved accolades that exemplify her extraordinary coaching ability, uncommon work ethic, and unselfish dedication to educational leadership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

commend Angi Butler of the Destrehan High School LadyCats on being named 2016-2017 Coach of the Year for girls basketball by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and *USA-Today*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Coach Butler upon winning the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Class 5A girls basketball championship for 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish great success for Angi Butler in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Angi Butler and Principal Stephen Weber of Destrehan High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES