

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE, ZERINGUE, AND AMEDEE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ellender Memorial High School Lady Patriots basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Ellender Memorial High School Lady Patriots basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Ellender Memorial High School Lady Patriots basketball team completed an unforgettable season by earning the title of 2017 Class 4A state champions after securing a decisive sixty-seven to forty-nine victory over the Salmen High School Lady Spartans; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2016-2017 regular season and playoffs, amassing a record of thirty-one wins and only seven losses with a perfect record in district play; and

WHEREAS, the team's amazing feats could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, and guidance of Head Coach Kenneth Dixon and his assistant coaches, Kenya Bibbs and Gus Brown, Principal Blaise Pellegrin, assistant principals John Campbell and Dina Hutchinson, as well as the passion of the many supporters of the Lady Patriots who contributed to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the thrilling victory marks the fifth Class 4A state basketball championship for the school and legendary Head Coach Kenneth Dixon, adding the 2017 Class 4A state championship to their previously earned state titles in 1999, 2000, 2003, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots' extraordinary season led to players being selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association as Class 4A all-state players, with Marghan Frierson receiving an honorable mention selection, Oreion James receiving a second-team selection, Terris McKay receiving a first-team selection and also being named Class 4A Outstanding Player, and Oreion James being named the Most Outstanding Player for the Class 4A girls' basketball state championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the accolades for the Lady Patriots did not stop there as a few players were selected by The Courier/Daily Comet and bayoupreps.com sports staff to The Courier/Daily Comet's All-Region girls' basketball team, with Terris McKay and Oreion James receiving first-team selections, Marghan Frierson receiving a second-team selection, and head coach Kenneth Dixon being named All-Region Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a number of players were also named to the 2017 All-District 7-4A girls' basketball team, with Marghan Frierson, Oreion James, and Terris McKay receiving first-team selections; Trastasia Hester and Nikkia Johnson receiving second-team selections; and Kira Coleman, Tanisha Hester, and Vashawn McKinley receiving honorable mention selections; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2016-2017 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Lady Patriots, and all alumni and fans recognize the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to Ellender Memorial High School, Terrebonne Parish, and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives wish to recognize each of the coaches, assistants, and the extraordinary Lady Patriots team members on their much deserved state championship title that was earned through teamwork, determination, and commitment to their sport and each other.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Ellender Memorial High School Lady Patriots basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 4A state championship; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the great sport of basketball; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine basketball program as they celebrate their championship season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ellender Memorial High School and head coach Kenneth Dixon.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES