

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School Yellow Jackets basketball team on winning its first Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School basketball team on winning
3 its first Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship.

4 WHEREAS, the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School Yellow Jackets beat
5 the St. Mary's Dominican High School Cougars by a score of 43-42 to win its first state
6 championship; and

7 WHEREAS, not only was the game the only all-New Orleans final, but it was the
8 only title game to pair two teams from the area; and

9 WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets' guard, Tyra Vaughn, was named the game's Most
10 Valuable Player, scoring a team-high fifteen points with three rebounds, three assists, and
11 six steals; and

12 WHEREAS, her 2-plus-1 gave the Yellow Jackets their largest lead at 27-20 before
13 they held the ball for the final two minutes of the first half to take that score to halftime; and

14 WHEREAS, in a back-and-forth contest in which neither team led by more than two
15 points during the final four minutes, the Cougars scored to tie the game at forty-two but the
16 Yellow Jackets got the ball back with just under eleven seconds left; and

17 WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets won the game on a free throw by Chardae Dixon
18 with 8.5 seconds remaining; and

1 WHEREAS, notable game accomplishments include Genise Wells scoring an
2 impressive thirteen points, including a three-pointer to start the second quarter which gave
3 the Yellow Jackets its first lead, Chardae Dixon scoring eight points and a team-high five
4 rebounds, Tyrione Sparks' score of five points, and Dajalone' Freeman scoring two points
5 to round out the scoring; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of the talented Yellow Jackets squad, Genise Wells,
7 Jordin Ratliff, Dajalone' Freeman, Chardae Dixon, Taylor Vaughn, Tyra Vaughn,
8 Raven Jasper, Alexia Barnes, Emmia Johnson, and Tryionne Sparks, merit recognition and
9 congratulations for their extraordinary performance and their competitive spirit throughout
10 the season and the tournament; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of athletic
12 excellence throughout the tournament and each of them deserves recognition for their vital
13 contribution to the winning effort; and

14 WHEREAS, head coach, Terry Wilson, and assistant coaches, Michael Mosley and
15 Lacey Cormier, instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and
16 motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the court; and

17 WHEREAS, the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School Yellow Jackets
18 basketball team is recognized for the well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season
19 and showcasing the extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the
20 most difficult level of high school competition.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High
23 School Yellow Jackets basketball team and their coaches for the sportsmanship shown while
24 achieving such high honors for themselves, for St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High
25 School, the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 principal and head coach at St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School.

