

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE