

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Bossier Parish Community College debate team for its 2017-2018 national championship season.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) debate team completed its 2017-2018 season by earning the most ranking points of any community college in the history of the International Public Debate Association (IPDA); and

WHEREAS, the BPCC debate team was recognized as the 2017-2018 IPDA Community College National Champions; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 BPCC debate team was comprised of Magan Billups, Steve Garcia, Della Jones, Shaun Kidd, Jerry McCauley, Dominick Mercer, Hannah Morris, Dena O'Banion, Mary Catherine Procell, NaTya Rogers, Nandini Tivakaran, and Tatum Willhelm; and

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Procell established a new national record for individual ranking points and also established a new record for novice season-long speaker points, en route to being named the season-long novice national champion and season-long novice speaker champion; and

WHEREAS, Jerry McCauley won five regular season tournaments and was named the season-long national varsity champion; and

WHEREAS, team co-captain Steve Garcia finished the year as the nation's tenth ranked varsity debater, team co-captain Dominick Mercer and his partner Hanna Morris finished the year as the nation's sixth ranked team debaters, and Dena O'Banion and Preston Langley finished the year ranked third and fourth in the nation respectively in the professional division; and

WHEREAS, coach Bob Alexander was recognized by the Southern Forensics Championships as its Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the BPCC debate team returned from the IPDA tournament in Spokane, Washington, as the Community College National Champions; and

WHEREAS, at the national championship tournament the team earned ten more awards and was led by Jerry McCauley (second place), Mary Catherine Procell and Dena O'Banion, (tied for third place), and the team of Dominick Mercer and Hannah Morris (tied for fifth place); and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to commend the BPCC debate team for its outstanding accomplishments over the course of the 2017-2018 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Bossier Parish Community College debate team for its 2017-2018 national championship season and extends congratulations to coaches Bob Alexander and Preston Langley and the students for their many successes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Bob Alexander of the Bossier Parish Community College debate team.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES