

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends the coaches, gymnasts and staff of the LSU Women's Gymnastics team for an outstanding season.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the coaches, gymnasts, and staff of the LSU Women's
3 Gymnastics team for a record-setting season.

4 WHEREAS, the LSU Women's Gymnastics team won three titles in 2018 with wins
5 at the NCAA Raleigh Regional and SEC Championships as well as a perfect 7-0 record for
6 the SEC Regular Season Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, overall, LSU finished with a record of 33-5 for the second-most wins
8 in school history and extended its streak of team scores of 197 or better to 39 and broke the
9 NCAA Gymnastics record of team scores of 197 or higher set by Oklahoma; and

10 WHEREAS, LSU advanced to the program's seventh NCAA Super Six in school
11 history finishing fourth nationally after posting the highest Super Six score in school history
12 and the second-highest score at an NCAA Championship meet; and

13 WHEREAS, LSU gymnasts combined to earn twenty-eight All-America honors for
14 the most in a single season in school history besting the previous combined record of 27 set
15 a year ago; overall, LSU gymnasts have now combined to earn 239 All-America honors in
16 the program's history; and

17 WHEREAS, Junior Sarah Finnegan was named the Southeastern Conference
18 Gymnast of the Year, Central Region Gymnast of the Year, and Honda Award nominee,

1 which is given to the top gymnast in the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Myia Hambrick ended her career as a twenty time All-American and
3 was named a finalist for the AAI Award, which is given to the top senior gymnast in the
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, both Finnegan and Hambrick earned perfect 10.0 scores with Finnegan
6 becoming just the second gymnast in school history to earn a perfect score on three different
7 events in the same season; and

8 WHEREAS, sophomore Kennedi Edney became the eighth gymnast in school history
9 to earn four All-America honors at an NCAA Championships finishing in the top eight of
10 vault, bars, floor and the all-around; and

11 WHEREAS, Junior Lexie Priessman earned All-America honors on bars and junior
12 Julianna Cannamela and freshman Christina Desiderio captured their first All-America
13 honors on vault and floor respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, the Tigers finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record inside the
15 Maravich Center where they now are 34-0 over the last five years; and

16 WHEREAS, Tiger fans packed the PMAC this season with an average of 12,009 fans
17 per meet to set a new school record and LSU finished first in the Southeastern Conference
18 and second in the nation in average attendance for the first time in school history; and

19 WHEREAS, LSU sold out the PMAC in back-to-back meets for the first time in
20 school history in wins over Kentucky and Alabama and Tiger fans set the single meet record
21 against the Crimson Tide when 13,729 fans packed the PMAC; and

22 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
23 without the guidance and skills of head coach, D-D Breaux, associate head coach, Jay Clark,
24 assistant coach, Bob Moore, volunteer coach, Ashleigh-Clare Kearney, director of
25 operations, Katie Copeland, and student assistant coach Ashleigh Gnat, as well as all of the
26 other individuals who have contributed to the success of the Tigers women's gymnastics
27 program; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to
29 recognize each of the coaches and the extraordinary Tigers team members on their much
30 deserved success throughout the 2018 season which was earned through teamwork,

