

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Junior Sarah Finnegan was named the Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Year, Central Region Gymnast of the Year, and Honda Award nominee, which is given to the top gymnast in the nation; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to recognize each of the coaches and the extraordinary Tigers team members on their much deserved success throughout the 2018 season which was earned through teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport of gymnastics.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that the coaches, gymnasts, and staff of the LSU Women's Gymnastic team are hereby commended and congratulated for another record-setting season, winning the Southeastern Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships, and finishing fourth in the national championship Super Six.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach D-D Breaux.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE