

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Notre Dame High School girls' softball team on winning the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Notre Dame High School girls' softball team on winning the 2018  
3 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship.

4 WHEREAS, the Notre Dame Lady Pioneers claimed the Division III state  
5 championship with a 7-4 victory over the Holy Savior Menard Eagles; and

6 WHEREAS, the Lady Pios scored five unanswered runs, plating four runs in the  
7 fourth and another in the fifth inning to win their first state championship since 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, this win marks Notre Dame's third title in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, the team, which includes seven seniors, finished their season with a 21-  
10 4 record; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Pios overcame adversity on the road to the championship, with  
12 two seniors missing significant time during the season due to injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, senior Marcella Gossen returned from surgery the previous week to  
14 pitch the final three outs in the championship game; and

15 WHEREAS, the Lady Pios made twelve hits in the game, including four from junior  
16 Makenzie Abshire, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lady Pios have been steadily working towards winning the  
18 championship; they were eliminated in the quarterfinals in 2015 and the semifinals in 2016  
19 before losing the 2017 Division III title game against Calvary Baptist; and

1           WHEREAS, the state championship was won by the Lady Pios through the hard  
2 work and dedication of team members Makenzie Abshire, Riley Adams, Morgan Alleman,  
3 Jillian Bourgeois, Mary Kate Bourgeois, Katie Brouillette, Ellen Brown, Maria Brown, Amy  
4 Daigle, Marcella Gossen, Melise Gossen, Anna Gotte, Abby Higginbotham, Maddie Link,  
5 Haley Maloz, Maddie Miller, Sydnei Simon, Kennedy Smith, and Bailey Thevis, who  
6 deserve merit and recognition for their outstanding performances; and

7           WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved  
8 without the leadership of head coach Ashley Ray and assistant coach Brittany St. Pierre, who  
9 have instilled in the players the necessary skills to become great softball players and  
10 outstanding members in their community by demonstrating motivational leadership to  
11 produce winners on and off the field.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Notre Dame High School girls' softball  
14 team on winning the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state  
15 championship; and does hereby recognize the team's outstanding performance and the pride  
16 and honor they have brought to their school and community.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
18 to head coach Ashley Ray.

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DIGEST

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