

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES