

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Northwestern State University baseball team on winning the 2018 Southland Conference Tournament and for qualifying to compete in the NCAA Division I Baseball Regional Tournament in Corvallis, Oregon.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Northwestern State University baseball team on winning the 2018  
3 Southland Conference Tournament and for qualifying to compete in the National  
4 College Athletic Association Division I Baseball Regional Tournament in Corvallis,  
5 Oregon.

6 WHEREAS, the Northwestern State University Demons took home their first ever  
7 Southland Conference Tournament championship by defeating the University of New  
8 Orleans Privateers by a score of 7-5 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, Texas, on  
9 Saturday, May 26, 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, the Demons plated seven runs on ten hits, coming back from two runs  
11 down and breaking a late tie to pull away from the Privateers for the 2018 title; and

12 WHEREAS, the Privateers led 2-0 in the bottom of the first inning, but at the top of  
13 the second inning, a walk loaded the bases for the Demons with no outs, after which a Sam  
14 Taylor RBI single deep to right field scored two runs to tie the game at 2-2; and

15 WHEREAS, a sacrifice bunt and a ground out to the shortstop saw two outs put on  
16 the board, a run scored, and a throw past first base brought Sam Taylor home for the  
17 Demons' fourth run of the inning; and

18 WHEREAS, the Demons capitalized on multiple Privateer errors in the top of the

1 fourth inning after a wild pitch and two straight errors put them up 5-2; and

2 WHEREAS, heading into the sixth inning with the score tied at 5-5, the deadlock was  
3 broken atop the seventh inning when Player of the Year David Fry drove a solo homer into  
4 the left field stands to put the Demons up 6-5 with no outs on the board; and

5 WHEREAS, J.P. Lagreco nearly notched a solo round tripper of his own with one  
6 out, registering a long double to the left center field wall, and a line drive RBI single by  
7 Luke Watson then sent him home, making the score 7-5 going into the bottom of the  
8 seventh; and

9 WHEREAS, both sides were held scoreless through the eighth and top of the ninth  
10 innings and the Privateers headed to the bottom of the ninth facing a two-run deficit; and

11 WHEREAS, with two outs, they managed a single base hit and advanced to second  
12 on a wild pitch, but it was as close as they would get as the next batter grounded out to  
13 second base on a full count to secure the victory for the Demons; and

14 WHEREAS, the next stop for the Demons on their quest for a spot in the College  
15 World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, is the National Conference Athletic Association Division  
16 I Baseball Regional Tournament in Corvallis, Oregon, on June 1-4, 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of the talented Demons squad and coaches merit special  
18 recognition and congratulations for their extraordinary performance and competitive spirit  
19 throughout the season and the tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of athletic  
21 excellence throughout the tournament and each of them deserves recognition for their vital  
22 contribution to the winning effort; and

23 WHEREAS, Head Coach Bobby Barbier and the assistant coaches instilled an ethic  
24 of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to  
25 produce winners both on and off the field; and

26 WHEREAS, the Northwestern State University Demons baseball team is recognized  
27 for the well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and showcasing the  
28 extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of  
29 college competition.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the Northwestern State University Demons  
2 baseball team and their coaches for winning the 2018 Southland Conference Tournament and  
3 for qualifying to play in the National Conference Athletic Association Division I Baseball  
4 Regional Tournament in Corvallis, Oregon, and for the sportsmanship shown while  
5 achieving such high honors for themselves, for Northwestern State University, and the state  
6 of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
8 president of Northwestern State University.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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DIGEST

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