

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH, ALLAIN, CHABERT AND PRICE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Head Coach Timmy Rebowe and the Nicholls State University Colonels football team for winning the 2018 Southland Conference Championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Head Coach Timmy Rebowe and the Nicholls State
3 University Colonels football team for a historic season of accomplishments,
4 including winning the 2018 Southland Conference Championship.

5 WHEREAS, as finishing the 2017 season with its first Football Championship
6 Subdivision (FCS) playoff appearance since 2007, along with hosting a playoff game for the
7 first time in school history, expectations for the 2018 Colonels were sky high; and

8 WHEREAS, those expectations were warranted as the eighteenth-ranked Colonels
9 notched their fourth-ever win against a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team and first
10 against a Power Five conference school with a 4-yard touchdown run by Chase Fourcade
11 that gave the Colonels a 26-23 overtime victory against the Kansas Jayhawks; and

12 WHEREAS, after a pair of difficult losses to FBS Tulane and rival McNeese, under
13 the leadership of Head Coach Timmy Rebowe, the Colonels rebounded to win seven of their
14 next eight regular season games, finishing the regular season with a 44-0 rout of the rival
15 SLU Lions in the River Bell Classic; and

16 WHEREAS, this historic season resulted in the Colonels claiming only their second
17 Southland Conference championship and securing a berth in the NCAA FCS playoffs for
18 only the fifth time in program history; and

1 WHEREAS, the postseason began with fourteenth-ranked Colonels hosting the
2 opening round of the playoffs on Manning Field at John L. Guidry Stadium against the
3 University of San Diego; and

4 WHEREAS, after a resounding 49-30 victory over the Toreros, the Colonels traveled
5 to Cheney, Washington to play the fourth-ranked Eastern Washington Eagles on their red
6 turf field, in the bitter cold; and

7 WHEREAS, the Colonels jumped out to a lead at halftime before falling to the
8 eventual national runner-up in hard-fought valiant effort; and

9 WHEREAS, several of the 2018 Colonels earned post-season honors including: All
10 Southland Conference Honorable Mention - Damion Jeanpiere Jr, P.J. Burkhalter, Brandon
11 Fontenot, and Ronald Ollie; All Southland Conference Second Team - Dontrell Taylor,
12 Dai'Jean Dixon, Eddie Houston, Winston Jones, Allen Pittman, Darren Evans, Ahmani
13 Martin, Khristian Mims, and Damion Jeanpiere Jr; All Southland Conference First Team -
14 Chase Fourcade, Ryan Hanley, Chandler Arceneaux, Lorrان Fonseca, Sully Laiche, and
15 Evan Veron; Southland Conference Player of the Year - Chase Fourcade; Sophomore All-
16 America Honorable Mention - Dai'Jean Dixon; and All-America Second Team - Sully
17 Laiche; and

18 WHEREAS, since arriving on campus prior to the 2015 season, River Region native
19 Timmy Rebowe has immersed himself into the community, supported all aspects of campus
20 life including attendance at other Colonels' sporting events, brought unprecedented success
21 Down the Bayou, and set the high bar of excellence and achievement for future teams.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend and congratulate Head Coach Timmy Rebowe and the Nicholls State
24 University Colonels football team for a historic season of accomplishments, including
25 winning the 2018 Southland Conference Championship.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Nicholls State University Colonels Head Coach Timmy Rebowe and Nicholls State
28 University President Dr. Jay Clune.

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

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DIGEST
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