

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Buckeye High School softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Class 3A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Buckeye High School Lady Panthers softball team bounced back from its heartbreaking loss in last season's state playoffs by defeating top-ranked Iowa High School in this year's championship match; the victory gives the team its first state title since 2012 and second overall; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers played one of the toughest schedules in Class 3A this season; behind the leadership of seniors Alexis Smith, Sina Ballew, and Jadyn Dauzart, the team captured a share of the school's first softball district championship since 2016 and finished the season ranked seventh in Class 3A; and

WHEREAS, the first two rounds of the Class 3A state playoffs saw Buckeye High School host twenty-sixth ranked Crowley High School and tenth-ranked Mamou High School; after handling their first two opponents, the team went on the road to face second-ranked Lutchter High School; the Lady Panthers prevailed after receiving an incredible pitching performance from sophomore Olivia Henry, who tallied six strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers faced Sterlington High School in the penultimate match of the state playoffs; junior Maddie Sinclair and senior Jadyn Dauzart helped lead the team to their first state championship game since 2019; and

WHEREAS, in the Class 3A championship game against Iowa High School; the Lady Panthers benefitted from a tremendous show of support from their fans; the town of Deville, Louisiana, was emptied by Buckeye High School's appearance in the championship; the massive support motivated the team to put on an incredible performance; Alexis Smith

hit two, two-run homeruns, and Jady Dazart continued her incredible playoff run by adding four base hits; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye High School Lady Panthers softball team is most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible determination and ability during their championship run.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Buckeye High School softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Class 3A state championship and does hereby extend sincere wishes that the coaches and members of the team continue to work hard and achieve greatness in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Buckeye High School.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES