

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY SENATOR WARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team for winning the gold medal at The Cheerleading Worlds competition held on April 24, 2022, in Orlando, Florida.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Cheer Force is a competitive cheerleading gym located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the gym offers seventeen competitive teams consisting of more than three hundred fifty athletes ranging in age from three to twenty-two; and

WHEREAS, the athletes come from all over Louisiana including Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Slidell, Houma, Hammond, Mandeville, and Covington; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff at Louisiana Cheer Force places a high emphasis on building self-confidence, determination, and team-supported skills and values with each and every athlete they coach in the sport of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the athletes work extremely hard for eleven months each year training to compete at local, national, and international competitions; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2022, the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team took home top honors after winning the gold medal in their category at The Cheerleading Worlds competition in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team consists of athletes ranging in ages thirteen to twenty-two; and

WHEREAS, competing at the highest level in the sport, the Gold team is a level six coed team consisting of twenty-three athletes: nineteen girls and four boys; and

WHEREAS, this is a huge win and a first for the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Cheer Force first put Louisiana on the map for cheerleading at The Cheerleading Worlds in 2014 when they won a bronze medal, and again in 2019 when the Gold team brought home the silver medal; and

WHEREAS, this year was the fifteenth year for Louisiana Cheer Force to attend The Cheerleading Worlds; and

WHEREAS, approximately five hundred forty-four teams competed at this year's prestigious international event; and

WHEREAS, only elite athletes and teams compete at this event after earning a bid to attend and compete by scoring high enough at a national championship qualifying event held earlier in the season; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team competed against teams from the USA, Mexico, Canada, Spain, England, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, while it is not uncommon for the final rankings at a competition event to come down to tenths of a point separating the winners, the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team won the competition this year by a landslide, beating out all the other teams by more than ten points; and

WHEREAS, to win such a mega competition as The Cheerleading Worlds, athletes need to be extremely committed to the sport and dedicate many years to training to reach level six competition; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the athletes on the Gold team have trained for many years at Louisiana Cheer Force; and

WHEREAS, some team members started training at age six or seven and they are now sixteen and seventeen year olds; and

WHEREAS, these athletes become a tight group of friends due to spending many months together each year training for their competitions; and

WHEREAS, these athletes all have excellent time management skills as several of the team members also compete in school sports and every athlete maintains excellent academic grades; and

WHEREAS, the Gold team is coached by Rachael Pearson, Kay Schenk, Spencer Day, Adam Eisler, and Ryan Barrow; and

WHEREAS, the athletes on this outstanding cheerleading team are: Katelyn Meliet, Josie Moore, MyKenzie Mitchell, Charli Huffine, Jada Wesley, Jacob Tate, Sophia Huffine, Mickinzi Knight, Caleb Judice, Natalie Sharrer, Mallory Bercegeay, Ella Kate Falgoust, Clay Boos, Stephanie Sharrer, Layla Benson, Josie Viator, Jourdan Ortiz, Camille Jackson, Madeline Bryant, Camille Boudreaux, Cassidy Young, Bailey Day, and Stevie Bercegeay.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Cheer Force Gold team for winning the gold medal at The Cheerleading Worlds competition held on April 24, 2022 in Orlando, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rachael Pearson, Kay Schenk, Spencer Day, Adam Eisler, and Ryan Barrow.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE