

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Tulane University Green Wave football team on winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic.

WHEREAS, the Tulane Green Wave finished the 2022 NCAA Division I FBS football season by defeating the University of Southern California Trojans, 46-45, in a thrilling late-game comeback victory in the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic; and

WHEREAS, the Green Wave overcame a fifteen point Trojan lead in the final four minutes of the game and capped off the victory with a six-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Michael Pratt to tight end Andrew Bauman; and

WHEREAS, Tulane finished the season as the nation's ninth-ranked Division I FBS program, which marks the Green Wave's highest ranking since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Green Wave benefitted greatly from the leadership of the 2022 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year and 2022 George Munger College Coach of the Year, Head Coach Willie Fritz; in addition to Coach Fritz's awards, starting running back Tyjae Spears, who is a native of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, was named the 2022 American Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Green Wave finished the 2022 season with an overall record of twelve wins and two losses and a conference record of seven wins and one loss; the team's season is made more impressive by the fact that it finished the 2021 season with just two wins and ten losses; and

WHEREAS, the Tulane chant gained national celebrity as it rang out loud and proud on the television and radio broadcasts:

*A one, a two, a helluva hullabaloo*

*A hullabaloo ray ray, a hullabaloo ray ray*

*Hooray-hooray vars vars tee ay*

*Tee ay, tee ay, vars vars tee ay*

*Tulane!;* and

WHEREAS, all members of the Tulane football program are most deserving of the highest recognition for their inspiring dedication, which was pivotal in the team's incredible turnaround.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Tulane University Green Wave football team on winning the 2023 Cotton Bowl Classic and does hereby extend sincerest hopes that the team's players, coaches, and staff continue their excellent work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES