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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the LSU gymnastics team for winning the NCAA national championship.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the LSU Tigers gymnastics team for winning the 2024 NCAA national championship.

WHEREAS, after years of close calls and near misses, on April 20th, the 2024 LSU Tigers gymnastics team emerged victorious at the NCAA championship meet and vaulted to the top of the rankings as national champions; and

WHEREAS, fifty years after legendary coach D-D Breaux began laying the foundation for what would become a championship program, LSU sits atop the throne wearing stick crowns as gymnastics royalty; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers' historic victory in Fort Worth, Texas, capped off a season that will forever live in LSU lore as a glittering testament to perseverance and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, LSU fittingly posted a team score of 198.225 to bring the program's first national title home to Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers rose to the occasion by posting a program record score of 49.7625 on the balance beam to secure the victory; and

WHEREAS, Aleah Finnegan's clutch performance and score of 9.95 punctuated the final rotation with an exclamation point that left Head Coach Jay Clark speechless and

kicked off a joyous celebration for the purple and gold; and

WHEREAS, her teammate Haileigh Bryant also contributed a 9.95 score of her own en route to becoming the NCAA all-around national champion and forever enshrining her legacy among the all-time greats; and

WHEREAS, the championship meet win was LSU's 24th consecutive victory to finish the season with a stellar record of 31-3, causing the Tigers to become just the eighth school to capture an NCAA gymnastics title; and

WHEREAS, the glorious moment served as the culmination of decades of hard work and dedication from the illustrious coaches and athletes whose efforts put the program in a position to reach the pinnacle of the sport; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers' view from the top is made even sweeter by the challenges from "The Climb" to get there.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the LSU Tigers gymnastics team for winning the 2024 NCAA national championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU Head Coach Jay Clark, President William Tate, and D-D Breaux.

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

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