

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

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COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates the LSU Fighting Tiger baseball team on attaining an unprecedented regular season record and on winning the 2013 Southeastern Conference Tournament and extends best wishes for continued success in the NCAA Tournament.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To congratulate the LSU Fighting Tiger baseball team on attaining an unprecedented regular
3 season record and on winning the 2013 Southeastern Conference Tournament
4 Championship and to extend best wishes for continued success in the NCAA
5 Tournament.

6 WHEREAS, in the 2013 regular season, the LSU baseball team set standards for
7 Tiger baseball with flair, consistency, determination, and a level of overall performance
8 unmatched in Tiger history, posting a 48-8 record; and

9 WHEREAS, in the SEC Tournament, the Tigers won its opening game against
10 Alabama 3-0 behind shut-out pitching of sophomore Cody Glenn, junior Nick Rumbelow
11 and senior Chris Cotton and a three-hit performance by freshman shortstop Alex Bregman;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Tigers were outscored by Arkansas, 4-1, negating another superb
14 pitching performance by sophomore Aaron Nola, who posted a 10 win regular season record
15 without a loss; and

16 WHEREAS, LSU rebounded, using a ninth inning rally, to best the Crimson Tide 3-2
17 in a rematch, with sophomore infielder Tyler Moore driving in the tying run and scoring the
18 winning run on a hit by junior catcher Ty Ross, while Tiger pitching was outstanding with

1 juniors Ryan Eades, and Nate Fury and Cotton; and

2 WHEREAS, in its fourth game, a second contest with Arkansas, Tiger pitching was
3 again dominant as freshman Hunter Newman, junior Will LaMarche, and seniors Kevin
4 Berry, Joey Bourgeois, and Cotton combined to one-hit the Hogs, while junior third baseman
5 Christian Ibarra had three hits and two RBIs, as LSU prevailed 3-1; and

6 WHEREAS, the Championship game between the No. 1 Vanderbilt Commodores
7 and No. 2 LSU proved a worthy prelude to the NCAA Tournament in Omaha with the
8 scrappy Tigers capturing a heart-stopping 5-4 eleven inning win, with outstanding team and
9 individual efforts including a tremendous catch by freshman center fielder Andrew
10 Stevenson, an outstanding catch and clutch throw to home by sophomore right fielder Jared
11 Foster, a superb catch and tag by Ross to nail a Commodore runner with the potential lead
12 run at home plate, a good at bat and steal of second in the eleventh inning by Foster, and a
13 clutch pinch hit by sophomore Chris Sciambra to drive in Foster with the lead run, and with
14 Cotton as the winning pitcher; and

15 WHEREAS, the all-tournament team included Ibarra, Foster, and junior designated
16 hitter Sean McMullen, along with the tournament's most valuable player, Chris Cotton, who
17 was spectacular in the tournament appearing in four of the five games in which the Tigers
18 participated and posting three saves and winning the championship, all in relief, and retiring
19 seventeen consecutive batters over the four games; and

20 WHEREAS, senior Mason Katz, a native of Harahan, a two-time All-SEC selection,
21 a member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, National Player of the Week three times in his
22 LSU career, a member of the 2013 SEC Community Service Team, and a graduate in sports
23 administration, was the recipient of the Wally Pontiff Jr. Scholar Athlete Award; and

24 WHEREAS, senior Raph Rhymes, a native of Monroe, a 2012 Southeastern
25 Conference Player of the Year and first team All-American, two-time member of the SEC
26 Academic Honor Roll team, led the nation in hitting in 2012, has an LSU record .431 batting
27 average and a .376 career average over three seasons with the Tigers, and a sports
28 administration graduate, received the Skip Bertman Award from Coach Bertman signifying
29 the player who best exemplifies the spirit of the LSU baseball program; and

30 WHEREAS, the Tigers are led by a stellar group of upper classmen which includes

1 seniors, pitcher Brent Bonvillain, outfielder Alex Edward, and infielder Casey Yokum and
2 juniors, second baseman Jacoby Jones and pitcher Kurt McCune; and

3 WHEREAS, the freshmen on the squad are outstanding and include outfielder Mark
4 Laird, catchers Chris China and Michael Barash, and pitchers Taylor Butler, Hunter Devall,
5 Russell Reynolds, and Mitch Sewald; and

6 WHEREAS, the team excelled throughout the season and in the SEC Tournament
7 under the direction of the coaching and support staff of head coach Paul Mainieri, pitching
8 coach Alan Dunn, hitting coach Javi Sanchez, volunteer assistant coach Will Davis, strength
9 and conditioning coach Jeremy Phillips, undergraduate assistant coach Blake Dean, and
10 coordinator of baseball operations Ross Brezovsky.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby extend hearty congratulations to the 2013 LSU Fighting Tiger baseball team for
13 an unprecedented regular season record of 48-8 and on capturing the 2013 Southeastern
14 Conference Tournament Championship.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby extends best
16 wishes to the 2013 LSU Fighting Tiger baseball team for continued success in the NCAA
17 Tournament.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU
19 Athletic Director Joe Aleva and LSU Head Baseball Coach, Paul Mainieri.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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