

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team on winning its third consecutive Division III state championship title.

WHEREAS, during the 1977-1978 school year, Coach Phil Bode began training the first Brusly High School wrestling team by placing horsehair mats on the ground near the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bode purchased the first wrestling mat for Brusly High School with his own money; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-seven years, Brusly High School has enjoyed a rich tradition of producing one hundred seven individual state champions and thirteen team titles; and

WHEREAS, during the 2013-2014 school year, the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team earned the Division III championship title for the third consecutive year and claimed its tenth state title in ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers distinguished themselves from the rest of the field by setting a new Louisiana High School Athletic Association state wrestling composite record with a team total of 343.5; and

WHEREAS, Brusly Panther Trevor Schermer, the 152-pound class winner, was selected as the Division III Outstanding Wrestler and Greater Baton Rouge All-Metro MVP; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers had eleven wrestlers in the finals of the fourteen different weight classes and won all but one match; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jimmy Bible was named Times-Picayune Coach of the Year as well as Greater Baton Rouge All-Metro Coach of the Year, which is an honor he has received eleven times; and

WHEREAS, the members of the wrestling team performed at the highest level of athletic excellence throughout the season and each of them deserves recognition for their vital contributions to the Panthers' winning effort; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Bible, Sutherland and Wilson instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team has earned well-deserved accolades throughout the season for the extraordinary athletic abilities the team has displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of high school competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team and coaches on an impressive and memorable winning season and on capturing its third consecutive Division III state championship title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Brusly High School, Walter Lemoine.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE