

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Bossier Parish Community College debate team and coaches for an award-winning 2013-2014 season

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Bossier Parish Community College debate team for its completion of an  
3 award-winning 2013-2014 season.

4 WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) debate team recently  
5 completed its 2013-2014 season by competing at the 2014 International Public Debate  
6 Association (IPDA) national championship tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 BPCC debate team was comprised of Natalie Banks,  
8 Erika Hill, Prince Lofton, and David Tillmon; and

9 WHEREAS, the team returned from the IPDA tournament with impressive honors  
10 in tow; and

11 WHEREAS, Team Captain Erika Hill finished her 2013-2014 season in the varsity  
12 division of debate ranked as the number one community college student in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, novice division debater Prince Lofton finished the year ranked as the  
14 number three ranked community college student; and

15 WHEREAS, beginning in 2006, the IPDA began honoring a "Coach of the Year"  
16 each year, and three years later the organization renamed the award the Bennett Strange  
17 Coach of the Year, in honor of the late Bennett Strange, who coached the Louisiana College  
18 debate team from 1988 to 2006 and taught for a semester at BPCC in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, BPCC debate coach Bob Alexander was named the Bennett Strange  
20 Coach of the Year at the IPDA's annual awards banquet held on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at

1 Middle Tennessee State University, becoming the first coach from a community college to  
2 earn this award; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to the individual awards, the BPCC debate team wrapped  
4 up the 2013-2014 season with its most successful year to date, earning thirty-one awards and  
5 four championships competing against programs from such well-known schools as Texas  
6 A&M International University, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and  
7 Whitworth University; and

8 WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Louisiana House of Representatives to commend the  
9 BPCC debate team for its outstanding accomplishments over the course of the 2013-2014  
10 season.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Bossier Parish Community College  
13 debate team for its completion of an award-winning 2013-2014 season and extends  
14 congratulations to the coaches and students for their many successes.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
16 to the Bossier Parish Community College debate coach, Bob Alexander.

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#### DIGEST

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