

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATORS WALSWORTH, GALLOT AND KOSTELKA

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Union Parish High School football team on winning the Class 3A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Union Parish High School Farmers had a remarkable football team during the 2013 season with a 13-1 record on the way to winning a nail-biting championship game in the Mercedes Benz Superdome; and

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Farmers and the Livonia Wildcats played with great passion during the title game, exchanging the lead half-a-dozen times before entering the first overtime period in a 20-20 tie score; and

WHEREAS, both teams refused to give up after regulation play and each scored touchdowns in the first overtime period, forcing a second overtime period where the Union Parish Farmers would score to win the game; and

WHEREAS, the Class 3A Championship was the first for Union Parish at that level of play since the 2002 season when the Farmers captured the Class 2A title; and

WHEREAS, Union Parish also made high school football history when they played a senior defensive back named Jacy Barron, the first time a girl has ever played in a state football championship game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome; and

WHEREAS, it was no small coincidence that the total number of points scored by Union Parish in the championship was 33, the same number that fallen teammate Jaleel Gipson had worn before he tragically passed away and the same number that Union Parish Football Coach Joe Spatafora had predicted as a final score before the game was played.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations and congratulations to the Union Parish High School football team for winning the 2013 Class 3A Football Championship.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union Parish High School football team be recognized as only the second team in the history of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association football championship game to ever compete in a double overtime game and be victorious.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Union Parish High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE