

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER AND SIMON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Jewel Sumner girls' basketball team upon winning the 2016 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state championship.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2016, the Jewel Sumner girls' basketball team, the second seed in the Allstate Sugar Bowl/Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Top 28, fulfilled its pledge from one year ago to pay back a semifinal defeat at the hands of University High with a 67-43 victory over the U-High Cubs; and

WHEREAS, Bre'ashlee Jones scored a game-high twenty-one points for the Sumner Cowgirls, who sank a red-hot 63.6 percent of their shots in the first half while holding U-High to only 16.1 percent shooting; and

WHEREAS, the semifinal win over the Cubs propelled the Sumner Cowgirls to the LHSAA Top 28 Class 3A tournament final on March 5, 2016, in which Parkview Baptist fell to state champion Jewel Sumner by a score of 60-50; and

WHEREAS, the high scorer for the Cowgirls in the championship game was Diamond Brooks, who tossed in twenty-one points and added twelve rebounds; and

WHEREAS, the Jewel Sumner girls' basketball team finished the 2015-2016 season with a perfect thirty-six wins against no losses and an 8-0 district record; and

WHEREAS, these athletes performed at the highest levels of excellence throughout the season, and each Cowgirl deserves recognition for her vital contributions to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, seniors Baylie Bridges, Kayle Bryant, and Bre'ashlee Jones; juniors Diamond Brooks, Amya Brumfield, Lana Fairburn, and Kiara Williams; sophomores Jayla Hayes and Katherine Ingram; and freshmen Alacia Brown, Hailey Klein, and Ja'keria Norman comported themselves magnificently in the title game; and

WHEREAS, head coach Kara Corkern has instilled an ethic of winning in these young women athletes, and has demonstrated leadership and motivational skills that have led to success both on and off the court for the Jewel Sumner Cowgirls; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the Cowgirls have earned; to commend the team for the ability they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of competition; and to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the team members and coaching staff for the merits earned and the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest state girls' basketball honor possible for Jewel Sumner High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes and coaching staff of the Jewel Sumner High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2016 Class 3A state basketball championship, capping off a truly spectacular season; and does hereby recognize the team's outstanding performance and the pride and honor they have brought to their school and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to head coach Kara Corkern.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES