

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Teurlings Catholic High School boys baseball team of Lafayette, Louisiana, and to congratulate the Rebel players and coaches on an outstanding 2015-2016 season and their first place finish in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Teurlings Catholic High Rebels finished a phenomenal season with a District 4-Class 4A record of (10-0) and an overall record of (35-4) that included a No. 1 seed at the Allstate Sugar Bowl/Louisiana High School Athletic Association playoffs that concluded with the final game on May 14, 2016, to win over No. 3 seed West Ouachita High School (3-2) to cinch the 2016 state title for Class 4A; and

WHEREAS, the momentum of team spirit and the caliber of coaching propelled these stellar athletes high into the firmament of competitive high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Rebel baseball team recorded extraordinary ratings from sports reporting sources, such as being ranked eighteenth by Xcellent 25, thirty-third nationally by Max Preps, and third in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the team players, Chaney Dodge, Austin Kirkpatrick, Matthew McMillan, Jacob Richard, Josh Taylor, Brett Weber, Garrett Boudreaux, Hayden Cantrelle, Max Doucet, Evan Mire, Kade Sonnier, Nick Webre, Hayden Arnaud, Isaac Boulanger, Grant Clark, Kanin Dodge, Kalun Dronette, Trevor Dupre, Judson Judice, Hunter Landry, Dylan Langlinais, Blake Blanchard, Zachary Bourque, Connor Dickinson, Jaxon Dugas, Braxton Gallet, Barry Pepiton, Jacob Pepiton, Tate Simon, Nicholas Taylor, Caleb Whittington, and manager Ashton Brignac are all first-class talents of the highest magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the athletes exemplify the TCHS school motto, "Relentless, Excellence, Belief, Selfless - REBS," and this student creed that has been upheld by every team player; and

WHEREAS, well supported by the Lafayette community, the Teurlings Rebel team players are inspired by years of competitive play from participation in t-ball and little league all the way through the conclusion of senior year, and through close association with TCHS alumni and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, head coach Michael Thibodeaux, through his exemplary leadership talents, instills confidence in these student-athletes to play to the best of one's ability and to display the best characteristics of good sportsmanship and dedication to purpose; and

WHEREAS, Coach Thibodeaux is dependant upon the tenacity and focus of an exceptionally skilled staff that includes assistant coaches Scott Lejeune, Richey Garrett, and Brock Broussard; and

WHEREAS, although Coach Thibodeaux loses six seniors this year, he and his Rebel team are assured that with hard work and a winning attitude, the string of future victories shall continue for many years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the players, coaches, and managers of the Teurlings Catholic High School boys baseball team on an outstanding season and its first place finish in Class 4A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Michael Thibodeaux, head coach, and Michael Boyer, principal of Teurlings Catholic High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE