

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends McNeese Womens Softball Team upon advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the McNeese Cowgirls Softball Team upon advancing to the  
3 National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature  
5 of Louisiana have learned that the McNeese Cowgirls Softball Team advanced to the NCAA  
6 Tournament for the first time since 2010, their fourth overall postseason tournament  
7 appearance; and

8 WHEREAS, they also advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time under  
9 second year Head Coach Joanna Hardin; and

10 WHEREAS, McNeese won the school's second NCAA Tournament game with a 5-2  
11 win over Arizona State in the first round, which was its first win since McNeese defeated  
12 Centenary in 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, they won the Southland Conference Tournament to earn the automatic  
14 bid, also their first conference tournament title since 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, the Cowgirls won the regular season conference title, the third in the  
16 last four years and broke a total of twenty school records and tied four school records  
17 (eighteen McNeese records broken, two conference records broken, four McNeese records  
18 tied), and set a school record with forty-three wins; and

1 WHEREAS, two players were named to the Baton Rouge Region All-Tournament  
 2 Team, Erika Piancastelli and Emily Vincent; three players were named to the All-Region  
 3 Team, Erika Piancastelli (1st team), and Emily Vincent and Marisa Taunton (3rd team);  
 4 eight players were named to the All-Southland Conference Team; Erika Piancastelli,  
 5 Hailey Drew, Emily Vincent and Morgan Catron were named to the first team; Jamie Allred  
 6 and Marisa Taunton were named to the second team; and Taylor Goree and Justyce McClain  
 7 were named to the third team; and

8 WHEREAS, Erika Piancastelli, Emily Vincent, and Marisa Taunton were all named  
 9 to the South All-Region Team, an award which honors softball student athletes from the  
 10 association's ten regions with first, second, and third team selections; and

11 WHEREAS, Erika Piancastelli was named the Southland Conference Player and  
 12 Hitter of the Year for the second straight year; became McNeese's career homerun leader as  
 13 a sophomore; and was recently selected to the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association  
 14 All-American Team for the second consecutive year, making her the first softball player in  
 15 the history of the Southland Conference to be named to an All-American Team twice; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to  
 17 recognize each of these extraordinary young women and coaches individually on their much  
 18 deserved advancement to the NCAA Tournament earned through teamwork, determination,  
 19 and dedication to the sport.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 21 does hereby commend and congratulate the McNeese Cowgirls Softball Team upon  
 22 advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
 24 Head Coach Joanna Hardin.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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