

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS AND SENATOR PERRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Gueydan High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2017 Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, the athletes of the Gueydan High School girls' basketball team completed a sensational 2016-2017 season when they earned the state championship title in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Girls tournament at University Center at Southeastern Louisiana University on Friday, March 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the 53-40 win over North Central marked Gueydan High School's first state championship in four trips to the tournament; the Gueydan Honeybears were led in the title game by senior forward T'Nia Leger's nineteen points and six rebounds and sophomore center Kendra Petry's fifteen points and four rebounds; and

WHEREAS, point guard Ke'Ara Charles was named the game's Most Valuable Player for making crucial assists and adding three steals, seven rebounds, and eight points to the victory; and

WHEREAS, the Gueydan girls' team finished the 2016-2017 season with twenty-seven wins, ten losses, and an 11-3 district record; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest levels of excellence throughout the season, and each Honeybear deserves recognition for her vital contributions to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, seniors Ke'Ara Charles, Cheyenne LaComb, T'Nia Leger, and Lea Wesley; juniors Emily Gaspard, Erin Johnson, and Ashari Terry; sophomores Kendra Petry and Kelsey Williams; freshmen Kendra LaComb, Rebekah Lepretre, and Kirsten Reed; and eighth graders Ryleigh Istre and Madisyn LeDay comported themselves magnificently in the title game; and

WHEREAS, team managers Malori Dupree, Emma Guidry, Vada Hargrave, and Emily LaComb; team trainer Katie McBaine; and statistician Shae Romero contributed to the success of the team by capably and admirably performing their jobs throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, Randal Bertrand, head coach of the Gueydan girls' basketball team, 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 Gueydan Honeybears; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the Honeybears 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 Gueydan High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes, coach, and management staff of the Gueydan High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2017 Class A 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 Randal Bertrand.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE