

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Cara Ursin on winning the Louisiana Gatorade Player of the Year award for Girls' Basketball three times.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Cara Ursin, a senior at Destrehan High School, on receipt of the Louisiana
 3 Gatorade Player of the Year for Girls' Basketball award for the third consecutive
 4 year.

5 WHEREAS, Cara Ursin is an athletic phenomenon, a point guard with strength,
 6 speed, and stamina that rivals the abilities of her male counterparts and a vertical leap that
 7 reaches the rim of the basket; and

8 WHEREAS, Cara is the "total package"; along with her superior athleticism, Cara
 9 is an excellent student who earned a 4.0 grade point average, tutors student-athletes in their
 10 studies, and sings in the youth choir at her church; and

11 WHEREAS, Cara was honored as the Louisiana Gatorade High School Player of the
 12 Year for Girls Basketball for three consecutive years, 2015-2017; the only player, male or
 13 female, to do so in any sport; and

14 WHEREAS, the Gatorade State Player of the Year award was established in 1985
 15 to recognize the most outstanding high school athletes in the nation for their athletic
 16 excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character; and

17 WHEREAS, during her high school career, Cara was also named the Most
 18 Outstanding Player of the 2017 LHSAA state tournament and, as a fearless competitor, she

1 contributed to the championship win of the Destrehan High School LadyCats over the Barbe
2 High School Lady Buccaneers by scoring twenty-seven points with eleven rebounds and six
3 assists; and

4 WHEREAS, she also holds numerous honors that include being named the Greater
5 New Orleans Amateur Athlete of the Month, selected Miss Basketball by the Farm
6 Bureau/Louisiana Sports Writers Association, named to the All-Metro Team, and ranked
7 No. 1 on the Super 10 team by the New Orleans Advocate newspaper; and

8 WHEREAS, Cara is ranked by MaxPreps as No. 21 in the nation, named to the
9 MaxPreps Girls Basketball All-American Team, and considered one of the eight exceptional
10 players across the country for the National Player of the Year competition; and

11 WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Angi Butler and assistant coaches
12 Meagan Stock and Joanna Welch, Cara and her teammates have trained with passion and a
13 stalwart dedication to the goal of "always do your very best"; and

14 WHEREAS, after four consecutive district championships and a 120-8 win-loss
15 record, the Destrehan High School LadyCats completed a sensational "perfect" season of
16 35-0, then advanced through the playoffs to win the 2017 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Class
17 5A girls' basketball championship, the first ever state title for female athletics in DHS
18 history; and

19 WHEREAS, during the tournament on March 4, 2017, number three seed Destrehan
20 LadyCats defeated number one seed Barbe High School Lady Buccaneers of Lake Charles
21 by a score of 62-57; and

22 WHEREAS, Cara "Moon" Ursin was captain of this outstanding squad that included
23 Kyrsten "Kiki" Kenner, Kali Mealey, Daja Sanchez, Brandi Mason, Jerlicia "Lele" Morris,
24 Korriana Reynaud, Kayla Davis, Sierra Samuels, Darielle Richard, Gia Zeringue,
25 Aja Graham, Britney Lipps, Destiny Dupre, and Marshay Stevenson; and

26 WHEREAS, Cara is among the six seniors who played sports together for nearly a
27 decade in Amateur Athletic Union programs and in middle school; they possessed an
28 exceptional synergy for the game and a teamwork ethic that has resulted in a four-year
29 winning streak in district competition; and

30 WHEREAS, maintaining a perfect season record is quite a rare achievement; the

1 LadyCats finished the 2016-2017 season ranked No. 16 in the nation and DHS is one of only
2 ten high school girls' basketball programs to remain unbeaten for the season; and

3 WHEREAS, Cara and her teammates have earned these well-deserved accolades that
4 detail their extraordinary athletic ability, uncommon work ethic, and unselfish dedication to
5 each other, particularly at the most demanding level of state competition; and

6 WHEREAS, a hot prospect in collegiate recruiting, Cara has committed to Head
7 Coach Kim Mulkey and the Baylor University Lady Bears for the fall season of 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Cara Ursin displays all the finest characteristics and promise of a future
9 star in the firmament of professional women's basketball.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 commend Cara Ursin on winning the Louisiana Gatorade Player of the Year for Girls'
12 Basketball award on three separate occasions.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Miss Cara Ursin, Angi Butler, head coach, and Stephen Weber, principal of Destrehan High
15 School.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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