

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATOR RISER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the LaSalle High School softball and baseball teams for winning the LHSAA Class 1A state championships.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the softball and baseball teams of LaSalle High School in Olla, Louisiana, for each winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championships in their respective sports.

WHEREAS, the young women and men comprising these 2017 teams pulled together for one season-ending remarkable team effort and made history by being the first teams from LaSalle to win state championships in the same academic year; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers softball team approached at the 2017 Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship tournament with only one purpose which was to return to Olla with the championship title, the culmination of a season-long focus on this goal; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, with their fellow students and teachers lining the sidewalk cheering them on, the Lady Tigers began their trip to the tournament held at Frasch Park in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers entered the state championship ranked number one, as the games began, and they failed to disappoint, beating D'Arbonne Woods Charter School 15 to 0 on Thursday, April 27, 2017, defeating the South Cameron High School team 16 to 0 in the semifinals, and battling past Oak Grove High School by a score of 6 to 2 to Saturday

1 evening to win the state championship title, the first for LaSalle High School softball since  
2 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, the 2017 LaSalle Lady Tigers team members are Taylor Snow, Carlie  
4 Prudhomme, Ali Long, Kinsey Long, Sidni Laird, Savannah Floyd, Kinley Hosea, AnnaBeth  
5 Pitman, Sam Floyd, Kierra Smith, Keeley Parham, Anna Clark, MariJane Skinner, Lauren  
6 Harlan, Serena Juarez, Ashley Williams, Lexi Snoddy, Amanda Hyman, and Alyssa Welch,  
7 athletic director and head coach Derek White, and assistant coaches Todd Long and Taylor  
8 Williams; and

9 WHEREAS, freshman softball player, Taylor Snow, was named Louisiana High  
10 School Athletic Association Softball Tournament Class 1A outstanding player after the  
11 championship game; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2017 LaSalle High School baseball team also traveled to Sulphur  
13 to take part in the Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana State Athletic Association Baseball Class  
14 1A tournament, held at McMurray Park from May 11 through 13, 2017, with their semifinal  
15 game scheduled against Oberlin High School which they won by a score of 5 to 2; and

16 WHEREAS, the Tiger baseball team broke a drought dating to 1951 with an 8 to 3  
17 victory over Grand Lake High School to take the Class 1A State Championship and return  
18 home with the state title; and

19 WHEREAS, in the title game Hunter Sims had quality at bats and two runs batted  
20 in and the starting pitcher, Avery Reed pitched a solid four and one third innings, racking  
21 up seven first pitch strikes to keep the opponent's batters on the defense and by racking up  
22 five of their final eight runs in the first two innings, also placing pressure on the Grand Lake  
23 team; and

24 WHEREAS, sophomore baseball player, Hunter Sims, was named Louisiana High  
25 School Athletic Association Baseball Tournament Class 1A outstanding player after the  
26 championship game; and

27 WHEREAS, the 2017 Tiger baseball team members are Blade Beaubouef, Waddie  
28 Skinner, Eli Stringer, Avery Reed, Kade Bradford, Cullen Wise, Hunter Sims, Khailon  
29 Williams, Kade Hillestad, Colby McGuffee, Easton Duke, Griffin Peppers, Cade Woodward,  
30 Brock Blackwell, Ethan Woodward, Hunter Daigneault, Dillon Masters, Tyler Roshto, Ian

1 Williams, and Brayden Lawson, and head coach Michael Lynn Duke, and assistant coaches  
2 Tim Wesson and Joel Simms; and

3 WHEREAS, the LaSalle High School Lady Tigers Softball team and the LaSalle  
4 High School Tiger Baseball team shared in a parade in their honor held on May 19, 2017,  
5 and a public proclamation naming the week of May 15 through 19, 2017, "LSHS Sweep the  
6 Diamond Week" in Olla, acknowledging the history-making efforts of both teams; and

7 WHEREAS, emphasizing that the teams who took the field to win their state  
8 championships contained, not only athletes, but students who took their academic  
9 achievement seriously, the 2017 softball team member Carli Prudhomme and 2017 baseball  
10 team member, Waddie Skinner were both LaSalle High School valedictorians of the Class  
11 of 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, several players on both teams have family ties to the 2002 state  
13 champion softball team coaches and players and to the 1951 baseball team players and  
14 coaches, providing a rich historical context for both of these 2017 teams; and

15 WHEREAS, with the lofty goal of winning their respective Class 1A state  
16 championships, the history-making efforts of the LaSalle High School 2017 softball and  
17 baseball teams reached that goal due to their team effort, hours of practice, and important  
18 performances in key situations propelling these young women and men to bring their school  
19 and their town a rare moment of pure joy and a celebration in which everyone could  
20 participate.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 commend the 2017 softball and baseball teams of LaSalle High School in Olla for winning  
23 the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championships in their  
24 respective sports.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 LaSalle High School principal, Kara Masling.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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