

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Carencro High School Golden Bears basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Carencro High School Golden Bears defeated the Woodlawn High School Knights by a score of 75-73 to win the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship on March 9, 2018, at the Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, with mere seconds remaining in the contest and the score tied at 73-73, senior guard, Lou Despanie stole a pass and quickly fed the ball to Nicholas Carmouche for the game-winning layup to earn the Golden Bears the state title; and

WHEREAS, Lou Despanie finished the game with nineteen points, 5-of-7 shooting from 3-point land, and the steal of a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Carmouche finished the game with fifteen points, three rebounds, eight assists, and one block; and

WHEREAS, the title game Most Valuable Player honors went to Jeremiah August who finished with nineteen points, thirteen rebounds, and three assists; and

WHEREAS, the members of the talented Golden Bears squad, Braylon Chaisson, Artrell Marks, Chance Prejean, Treviun Williams, Nicholas Carmouche, Corey Willis, Jeremiah August, Elijah Pete, Holden Pellerin, Jatrell Marks, Byron Fobbs, Joseph Charles, Demyras Despanie, Bailey Despanie, Julian Landor, and Traylon Prejean, merit recognition and congratulations for their extraordinary performance and their competitive spirit throughout the season and the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of athletic excellence throughout the tournament and each of them deserves recognition for their vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, head coach Christopher Kovatch and assistant head coach La'Ryan Gary, and assistant coaches Antoine Babineaux and Brandon Richard, instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the Carencro High School Golden Bears basketball team is recognized for the well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and showcasing the extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of high school competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the Carencro High School Golden Bears basketball team and their coaches on winning the LHSAA Class 4A state championship and for the sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for Carencro High School, the city of Lafayette, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to principal of Carencro High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE