

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Thomas More Catholic High School Lady Cougars soccer team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic High School Division II state championship.

WHEREAS, the top-seeded St. Thomas More High School Lady Cougars defeated the Central Lafourche High School Lady Trojans by a score of 1-0 to claim the state title on February 22, 2018, at the Ragin' Cajun Soccer Facility, in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, junior Peyton St. Pierre crossed a ball into the box in the fifteenth minute and Mattie Marks took advantage of a misplay by the Lady Trojans' goal keeper to head the ball into the bottom right corner to give the Lady Cougars a decisive 1-0 advantage; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Marks was named Most Outstanding Player in the title game; and

WHEREAS, in the first half, the Lady Cougars outshot the Lady Trojans 7-2 and had three more scoring chances; and

WHEREAS, during the second half, the Lady Trojans had a 7-3 advantage on shots and had two more scoring opportunities, but the Lady Cougars' defense that had not given up a goal through the previous playoff games remained stingy, especially sophomore Paityn Gautreaux who smothered a Lady Trojans on-target free kick with five minutes remaining; and

WHEREAS, the members of the talented Lady Cougars squad, Avery Wright, Paityn Gautreaux, Mattie Marks, Anna Guillory, Lindsey Reaux, Maddie Moreau, Julia Spielmann, Peyton St. Pierre, Taylor Tucker, Emily Champion, Natalie Roy, Emily LeJuene, Colleen Vidos, Claire Werther, Kate David, Addison Wright, Caroline Morton, Ann-Marie Alack, Harper Skrasek, Avery Quoyeser, and Amelie Echeverria, 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, Daniel Underwood, and assistant coaches, Katie Breaux, Nicole Dincau, and Tommy Wilder, 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 St. Thomas More Catholic High School Lady Cougars soccer 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 St. Thomas More Catholic High School Lady Cougars soccer team and their coaches for winning the LHSAA Division II state championship and for the sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for St. Thomas More Catholic High School, the city of Lafayette, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of St. Thomas More Catholic High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE