

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, GISCLAIR, MAGEE, AND RICHARD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Nicholls State University women's basketball team for its outstanding 2017-2018 season

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Nicholls State University women's basketball team for its outstanding  
3 2017-2018 season.

4 WHEREAS, there are fourteen teams that represent Nicholls State University in  
5 intercollegiate athletics; among these are the Nicholls State Lady Colonels women's  
6 basketball team, which competes in the Southland Conference as a National Collegiate  
7 Athletic Association Division I school; and

8 WHEREAS, the Lady Colonels displayed tremendous athletic prowess in the 2017-  
9 2018 basketball season; the team earned its first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament after  
10 they won the Southland Conference Tournament championship with a 69-65 victory over  
11 No. 2 seed Stephen F. Austin on March 11, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Lady Colonels tied the Nicholls State University  
13 women's basketball record for victories with a wins-losses record of 19-14, matched the  
14 program's longest winning streak of seven games, and made their seventh straight  
15 appearance in the Southland Conference Tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lady Colonels maintained the highest level of sportsmanship and  
17 displayed great character in the first round of the NCAA 2018 Division I Women's  
18 Basketball Championship as they faced No. 1 seed Mississippi State University in the  
19 Kansas City bracket; and

20 WHEREAS, the exemplary accomplishments of the Nicholls State University Lady  
21 Colonels could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of Mary "DoBee"

1 Plaisance, head coach; assistant coaches Kris Goff, Justin Payne, and Jenny Nash; and Olivia  
2 Blachno, graduate assistant athletic trainer, all of whom have demonstrated the leadership,  
3 vision, and motivational skills needed to produce champion achievements on the basketball  
4 court and in life; and

5 WHEREAS, for exceptional athletic performances throughout the 2017-2018 season,  
6 each Lady Colonel deserves mention: seniors Tia Charles and Marina Lilly; juniors Cassidy  
7 Barrios and Katherine Ward; sophomores Airi Hamilton, Tykeria Williams, and Bree  
8 Wilson; and freshmen Lauryn Bowie, Destiny Collins, Kinzie Heineman, Korie Leary,  
9 Bryanna Washington, and Paige Williams; and

10 WHEREAS, the talent and determination displayed by the 2017-2018 Lady Colonels  
11 provided fans with exciting basketball entertainment throughout the season, and the athletes  
12 and coaches of the Nicholls State University women's basketball team merit a sincere  
13 measure of commendation for their remarkable athletic feats and for the honor they have  
14 brought to Nicholls State University.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members and staff of the Nicholls State  
17 University women's basketball team for their outstanding achievements during the 2017-  
18 2018 season, which included competing in the NCAA 2018 Division I Women's Basketball  
19 Championship and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride they  
20 have brought to Nicholls State University, their community, and the state.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
22 to Head Coach DoBee Plaisance.

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#### DIGEST

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