

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Madison Preparatory Academy Chargers boys' basketball team on winning the 2018 LHSAA Class 3A championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Madison Preparatory Academy boys' basketball team on winning the 2018
3 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A championship.

4 WHEREAS, the Madison Preparatory Academy Chargers defeated the Peabody
5 Magnet High School Warhorses by a score of 69-50 to take the Louisiana High School
6 Athletic Association Class 3A state title on March 10, 2018, at the Burton Coliseum
7 Complex in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, the win gave the Chargers their fourth straight state title and fifth in
9 eight years within four classifications; and

10 WHEREAS, Josh Leblanc scored nineteen points, grabbed twelve rebounds, and
11 blocked three shots to lead the Chargers and secure his selection as the Most Outstanding
12 Player in the title game; and

13 WHEREAS, he gave the Chargers a 25-24 lead late in the first half on a dunk tip-in,
14 with Tyrese Walker and Tyler Brooks adding baskets in the last minutes of the half; and

15 WHEREAS, the Chargers' lead grew to nine points at the end of the third quarter
16 with the Warhorses pulling within 47-41 with just over four minutes left, but the Chargers
17 scored the next fourteen points to put the game out of reach; and

18 WHEREAS, Tyrese Walker scored six points in the fourth-quarter run, finishing with

1 seventeen points and five assists, and Jharon Whitfield added ten points; and

2 WHEREAS, the members of the talented Chargers squad, Tyresse Walker, Jahein
3 Spencer, Kevon Shannon, Malik Gray, Elijah Tate, Marcus Guss, Eldred Jackson, Tyler
4 Brooks, Larry Browder, Josh LeBlanc, Kobe Julien, Jharon Whitfield, Jordan Johnson, and
5 Jason Perry, merit recognition and congratulations for their extraordinary performance and
6 their competitive spirit throughout the season and the tournament; and

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

10 WHEREAS, head coach, Jeffery Jones Sr., and assistant coaches, Torry Beaulieu,
11 James Ross, and Darrel Owens, instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of
12 leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the court; and

13 WHEREAS, the Madison Preparatory Academy Chargers boys' basketball team is
14 recognized for the well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and showcasing
15 the extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level
16 of high school competition.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the Madison Preparatory Academy
19 Chargers boys' basketball team and their coaches on winning the 2018 Louisiana High
20 School Athletic Association Class 3A championship and for the sportsmanship shown while
21 achieving such high honors for themselves, for Madison Preparatory Academy, the city of
22 Baton Rouge, and the state of Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 principal of Madison Preparatory Academy.

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