

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Peabody Magnet High School girls powerlifting team for winning its first state championship with an LHSAA Division III title.

WHEREAS, the Peabody Magnet High School Lady Warhorses powerlifting team completed a sensational season, earning the title of 2018 state powerlifting champions scoring fifty points, twenty points more than runner-up Abbeville, on March 16, 2018, at Rapides Parish Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, the state powerlifting championship win was the culmination of an unforgettable season for the Lady Warhorses as none of Peabody's lifters were alive when the school won its last girls title in any sport in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2018 season and at the state meet, and each of these great Lady Warhorses deserves recognition for her vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, the team included five individual state champions, senior Demetria Vincent (181 class), senior Qwenisha' Hillard (97 class), junior Alexis Venson (132 class), junior Trystian Eli (148 class) and junior Sa'mauri'a Brooks (super heavyweight), who was named as the Most Outstanding Lifter in the heavy division, as well as Charity Jones and Kai Kirk who captured second place finishes and Dey'Shalund Eggins who finished third, senior Tiona Yocum, and Kennasia Boyd, Jeralyn Brown, Taina Caldwell, Zoria Goodley, Malaysia Holmes, Ariron Kay, Alaijah Keller, Ashalyn Lewis, Ileana Miller, Essence Moore, Nylia Stanley, Carlissa Walker, and Dana Williams; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of head coach Jesse Esters, as well as all of the other individuals who have contributed to the success of the school's powerlifting program; and

WHEREAS, as for Brooks, Venson, Vincent, and Hillard, each of them set state records in Division III: Hillard for dead lift in the 97 class (280 pounds); Venson for squat in the 132 class (350); Vincent for squat (380), bench (175), dead lift (400) and total (955)

in the 181 class, and Brooks for squat (500), dead lift (420) and total (1,130) in the super heavyweight class, while Eli set personal records; and

WHEREAS, Charity Jones set a state record in Division III (Class 3A) after squatting 290 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the athletes who comprise the Peabody Magnet High School girls powerlifting team are notable and worthy of recognition, and the team has brought immense pride and distinguished honor to the school, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Peabody Magnet School Lady Warhorses powerlifting team upon winning the 2018 state powerlifting championship and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine powerlifting program as they celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Jesse Esters.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE