

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL, STEVE CARTER, AND SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana State University gymnastics team on an outstanding 2018 season

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana State University gymnastics team on an outstanding 2018
3 season.

4 WHEREAS, the LSU gymnastics team won three titles in 2018, with wins at the
5 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Raleigh Regional and Southeastern
6 Conference (SEC) Championships, as well as a perfect 7-0 record for the SEC Regular
7 Season Championship; overall, LSU finished with a record of 33-5, the second-most wins
8 in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, for the thirty-ninth time, LSU's team scores were one hundred ninety-
10 seven or better, thus breaking the NCAA gymnastics record set by Oklahoma; and

11 WHEREAS, LSU advanced to the program's seventh NCAA Super Six in school
12 history; the team finished fourth nationally after posting the highest Super Six score in
13 school history and the second-highest score at an NCAA championship meet; and

14 WHEREAS, LSU gymnasts combined to earn twenty-eight All-America honors for
15 the most in a single season in school history, besting the previous record of twenty-seven set
16 in 2017; LSU gymnasts have now combined to earn two hundred thirty-nine All-America
17 honors in the program's history; and

18 WHEREAS, junior Sarah Finnegan was named the Southeastern Conference
19 Gymnast of the Year, Central Region Gymnast of the Year, and Honda Award nominee; the
20 Honda Award is given to the top gymnast in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Myia Hambrick ended her career as a twenty-time All-American and
2 was named a finalist for the American Athletic, Inc., Award, which is given to the top senior
3 gymnast in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, both Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Hambrick earned perfect 10.0 scores with
5 Ms. Finnegan becoming the second gymnast in the program's history to earn a perfect score
6 on three different events in the same season; and

7 WHEREAS, Kennedy Edney became the eighth gymnast in the program's history to
8 earn four All-America honors at an NCAA Championship; the sophomore finished in the top
9 eight of vault, bars, floor, and the all-around; and

10 WHEREAS, junior Lexie Priessman earned All-America honors on bars and junior
11 Julianna Cannamela and freshman Christina Desiderio captured their first All-America
12 honors on vault and floor respectively; and

13 WHEREAS, the Tigers finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record inside the Pete
14 Maravich Assembly Center; they are now 34-0 in the Maravich Assembly Center over the
15 last five years; and

16 WHEREAS, Tiger fans packed the Maravich Assembly Center this season, averaging
17 over twelve thousand fans per meet, which set a new school record; LSU finished first in the
18 SEC and second in the nation in average attendance for the first time in school history; and

19 WHEREAS, LSU sold out the Maravich Assembly Center in back-to-back meets for
20 the first time in school history, those crowds enjoying wins over Kentucky and Alabama;
21 LSU fans set the single meet record against the Crimson Tide when over thirteen thousand
22 seven hundred fans attended the meet; and

23 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
24 without the guidance and skills of head coach D-D Breaux, associate head coach Jay Clark,
25 assistant coach Bob Moore, volunteer coach Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, student assistant coach
26 Ashleigh Gnat, and director of operations Katie Copeland, as well as all of the other
27 individuals who have contributed to the success of the LSU gymnastics program; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of
29 Louisiana wish to recognize each of the coaches and the extraordinary Tigers team members

1 on their much deserved success throughout the 2018 season which was earned through
2 teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport of gymnastics.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the gymnasts, coaches, and
5 staff of the Louisiana State University gymnastics team on an outstanding and memorable
6 season, on winning the Southeastern Conference Regular Season and Tournament
7 Championships, and on their numerous other historic accomplishments.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to D-D
9 Breaux, head coach of the Louisiana State University gymnastics team.

DIGEST

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