

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY SENATORS PERRY AND MORRISH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Notre Dame High School Lady Pioneers softball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship.

WHEREAS, the Notre Dame High School Lady Pioneers defeated the Holy Savior Menard Central High School Lady Eagles to become the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state champions on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Frasch Park in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers scored five unanswered runs, plating four runs in the fourth inning and another in the fifth inning to beat the Lady Eagles 7-4 and win their first state championship since 2010 and claim their third title in school history; and

WHEREAS, Lady Pioneers starting pitcher Sydnei Simon provided the first run of the game, driving a leadoff double and coming around on a pair of wild pitches; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles loaded the bases in the sixth inning, but Eagles slugger Olivia Johnson hit a pop up fly to left field to end the inning, giving the Lady Pioneers the opportunity to seal their fate; and

WHEREAS, the game was closed out in fitting fashion with senior pitcher Marcella Gossen recording the final three outs in the circle; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers pounded out twelve hits for the game, including a four-hit day from Mak Abshire, who was named Most Valuable Player in the title game; and

WHEREAS, the members of the talented Lady Pioneers squad, Morgan Alleman, Maria Brown, Kennedy Smith, Mary Kate Bourgeois, Madelyn Miller, Makenzie Abshire, Haley Maloz, Ellen Brown, Sydnei Simon, Madelyn Link, Bailey Thevis, Amy Daigle, Abbey Higginbotham, Melise Gossen, and Marcella Gossen, 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, Ashley Ray, and assistant coach, Brittany St. Pierre, 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 Notre Dame High School Lady Pioneers softball 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 Notre Dame High School Lady Pioneers softball team and their coaches for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division III state championship and for the sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for Notre Dame High School, the city of Crowley, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Notre Dame High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE