

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 228

BY SENATORS PERRY AND CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends St. Thomas More High School on winning the state lacrosse championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend St. Thomas More High School of Lafayette, Louisiana, on winning the  
3 Louisiana High School Lacrosse League state championship.

4 WHEREAS, to win the state championship, the St. Thomas More Cougars defeated  
5 defending state champion, St. Paul's High School of Covington, Louisiana, by a score of  
6 twenty to ten on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the St. Thomas More Cougar stadium; and

7 WHEREAS, the Cougars captured their first state championship since 2011 and  
8 handed the St. Paul's Wolves their first defeat of the season while repaying a loss to the  
9 Wolves earlier in the year; and

10 WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More team dominated from the opening faceoff of the  
11 contest, taking a four to zero lead in the first five minutes of the game, quickly putting St.  
12 Paul's on the defensive and sending a strong message regarding the likelihood of the Wolves  
13 repeating their earlier win over the Cougars; and

14 WHEREAS, as the game progressed, the barrage of scoring continued and St. Paul's  
15 was unable to match the prolific scoring of the St. Thomas More Cougars, never coming  
16 closer than a three point deficit; and

17 WHEREAS, the Cougar coaches and team strategy for the championship game was  
18 to start out strong, hoping to bring the hometown crowd to life early and disrupt the favored

1 St. Paul's Wolves; and

2 WHEREAS, with a first quarter advantage for the Cougars of six goals to one, the  
3 strategy of being aggressive from the beginning paid and the Wolves never led in this game  
4 playing the entire contest, struggling from behind, a position that does not lend itself to  
5 establishing a rhythm to their play; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana High School Lacrosse League named two Cougars as  
7 Most Valuable Player, Mason Duhon on offense with six goals and three assists, and Austin  
8 Gauthier on defense with eight ground balls and one goal; and

9 WHEREAS, offensive firepower and defensive plays were spread among thirteen  
10 Cougars scoring goals, assisting, and excelling on defense, and they were: Luke Adams with  
11 four goals and two assists, Tyler Attales with two assists, Andrew Bayard with an assist,  
12 Anthony Benton with an assist, Logan Campbell with fifteen faceoff wins, Michael Furka  
13 with one goal, Cade Hernandez with three goals and one assist, Baxter Heggie with one goal,  
14 George Hollier with ten saves, Jack Rozas with one goal, and Logan Stinson with three goals  
15 and five assists; and

16 WHEREAS, the winning of a fourth state championship for St. Thomas More might  
17 not have been the expected outcome for those outside the Cougar family, but the entire 2018  
18 Cougar lacrosse team proudly brought the state championship back to their school and its  
19 storied program, and relished being state champions themselves; and

20 WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More team is coached by five alumni, all former  
21 members of Cougar state championship lacrosse teams: Byrnes Tatford, head coach and  
22 class of 2008, and assistant coaches who were all members of the 2011 team; David Escott,  
23 Matthew Hindelang, Alex Smith, and Hunter Stinson; and

24 WHEREAS, with a proud tradition in the sport of lacrosse, the 2018 St. Thomas  
25 More Cougar team worked diligently, practiced hard, and played well all season on road to  
26 bringing home the 2018 Louisiana High School Lacrosse League state championship.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
28 does hereby commend St. Thomas More High School of Lafayette, Louisiana, its team and  
29 coaches on winning the Louisiana High School Lacrosse League 2018 state championship.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

