

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS, BACALA, BERTHELOT, AND SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ascension Catholic High School baseball team upon winning the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV state championship.

WHEREAS, the 2018 version of the Ascension Catholic baseball Bulldogs fulfilled the "unfinished business" of the 2017 season, when they lost in the semifinals in eleven innings; with "unfinished business" as their driving motto, the 2018 Bulldogs beat district rival St. John 4-3 at McMurray Park in Sulphur on Friday, May 11, 2018, to capture the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV state title in an edge-of-your-seat, nail-biting fashion; and

WHEREAS, having lost to the St. John Eagles in both district games in the 2018 season, the Ascension Catholic High School Bulldogs won when it counted; the Bulldogs trailed 2-0 going into the sixth inning, but a leadoff single by Mason Zeringue and an RBI double by Charlie Gianelloni cut the lead to 2-1; Gianelloni scored on a passed ball to tie the game at 2-2, and after Brock Acosta singled for the second time in the game to get on base, he scored the go-ahead run on the strength of teammate Tre Medine's RBI single; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles answered with a score to tie the game again at 3-3, but an RBI single by Rodney Blanchard ensured the victory when he knocked in a run in the seventh inning; the title game's Most Valuable Player, Charlie Gianelloni, kept St. John from getting to home plate with superior pitching and the catch of a perfect, game-ending pop-up ball; it was Ascension Catholic High School's third state title, the first since 1994, and the first for Coach Todd Landry; and

WHEREAS, each Bulldog deserves recognition for his extraordinary performance throughout the season and in the Division IV playoffs: Brock Acosta, Rodney Blanchard,

John Broussard, Brayden Duhon, Jacob Dunn, William Dunn, Kevin "Bubba" Gautreau, Charlie Gianelloni, Parker Hales, Alex Hebert, Matthew Lafleur, Andrew Landry, Joel Landry, Nicholas LeJeune, Michael "Tre" Medine, Nicholis "Nick" Milano, John Mire, Sam Mire, Jacob Sagona, Connor Shally, Brennan Simoneaux, Owen Theriot, Hunter Walker, Jai Williams, and Mason Zeringue; and

WHEREAS, without the training, practice, and winning ethic instilled into the Ascension Catholic High School baseball Bulldogs by Coach Landry and his assistant coaches, Rick Bolotte, Larry Dunn, Chris Schexnayder, and Drey Trosclair, these fine young men would not have achieved the 2018 Division IV title; Coach Landry and his staff have given the Bulldogs the tools needed for success both on and off the baseball field; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the 2018 Ascension Catholic High School Bulldogs baseball team for their exemplary performances throughout the season and in the playoffs, particularly at the highest level of high school athletic competition in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ascension Catholic High School baseball team, coaches, and support staff upon winning the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV state championship and does hereby express heartiest congratulations for the pride and honor they bring to the school, their fans, and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Todd Landry.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES