

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the gymnasts, coaches, and staff of the LSU Women's Gymnastics team for a remarkable season.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the gymnasts, coaches, and staff of the Louisiana State
3 University Women's Gymnastics team on a remarkable 2019 season.

4 WHEREAS, the LSU gymnastics team concluded the 2019 season as the NCAA
5 National Runner-Up to match the highest finish in school history after scoring a 197.825 in
6 the first-ever Four on the Floor competition; and

7 WHEREAS, the LSU gymnastics team advanced to the NCAA Gymnastics
8 Championships for the thirtieth time after winning the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional with
9 a team score of 197.500, winning their 12th NCAA Regional in program history and the
10 seventh in a row; and

11 WHEREAS, LSU senior Sarah Finnegan and junior Kennedy Edney captured the
12 program's 14th and 15th individual championships with wins on bars and vault at the NCAA
13 Gymnastics Championships in the NCAA Semifinal I, as Finnegan became a two-time
14 NCAA champion after winning the NCAA bars championship in 2017 when she became the
15 first LSU gymnast to win a title in the event, and Edney became a two-time NCAA
16 champion after earning a 9.95 in the anchor spot of vault as she also won the NCAA vault
17 championship in 2017 when she became the first freshman to win a title; and

18 WHEREAS, the LSU gymnastics team built momentum throughout the 2019 season,

1 winning the program's fourth, and third-straight, Southeastern Conference Championship,
2 winning the NCAA Regional, and advancing to the national championship final for the
3 fourth-straight year ultimately finishing as the NCAA National Runner-Up to match the
4 highest finish in school history and combined to earn 22 All-America honors; and

5 WHEREAS, Sarah Finnegan was honored with the AAI Award, which goes to the
6 best senior gymnast in the nation, and was also named the SEC Gymnast of the Year and
7 Central Region Gymnast of the Year for a second-straight year; and

8 WHEREAS, Finnegan, Julianna Cannamela, Lexie Priessman, and McKenna Kelley,
9 four-time All-American and two-time SEC Floor Exercise champion, concluded their careers
10 as the most dominant senior class in school history as they combined to earn 126 wins, win
11 five SEC Championships, finish as the NCAA National Runner-Up three times, and finish
12 in fourth place in 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, individual performers, the senior class combined to win two NCAA
14 event championships, eight SEC Event Championships, and earn eight perfect scores; and

15 WHEREAS, Head Coach D-D Breaux was named the SEC Coach of the Year for the
16 ninth time in her career as she also earned her 800th career win in the Semifinal I for LSU
17 to advance to the first-ever NCAA Four on the Floor; and

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

23 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize
24 each of the extraordinary LSU Tiger's team members, coaches, and staff on their much
25 deserved success throughout the 2019 season which was earned through teamwork,
26 determination, and dedication to the sport of gymnastics.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby commend and congratulate the gymnasts, coaches, and staff of the Louisiana
29 State University Women's Gymnastics team on a remarkable and memorable season, on
30 winning the Southeastern Conference Championship, the NCAA Regional Championship,

1 and on finishing second in the NCAA National Championship.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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