

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the North Central High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2019 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the North Central High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2019
3 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship.

4 WHEREAS, riding the wave of a regular season wins-losses record of 31-6, the
5 North Central High School Hurricanes won three straight games in the Louisiana High
6 School Athletic Association Class 1A state tournament to gain the school's first
7 championship in boys' basketball at Marsh Madness 2019 in Lake Charles' Burton Coliseum
8 on March 9, 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, the state championship quarterfinal, semifinal, and final victories
10 capped a run of eleven straight wins to end the 2019 season for the North Central
11 Hurricanes, a sensational finish for Coach Apphia Jordan's boys' basketball team, which had
12 only gone as far as the semifinals in 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Jordan is the second woman to lead a boys' team to a state title
14 in Louisiana and was named Class 1A Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers
15 Association; she also received St. Landry Parish Coach of the Year, District Co-Coach of
16 the Year, and Class A Coach of the Year honors; and

17 WHEREAS, four players earned special merit for exemplary play in the 2018-2019
18 season: Derrick Tezeno was named to the St. Landry Parish, District 1A, and Class A First
19 Teams and earned Most Valuable Player honors in St. Landry Parish and for District 1A;
20 Nikembe Johnson was named to the St. Landry Parish and District 1A First Teams and to

1 the Class A Second Team; Reginald Stoner was named to the St. Landry Parish and District
2 1A First Teams, the District 1A All-Defensive Team, and Class A Honorable Mention; and
3 Jalen Smith was named to the St. Landry Parish and District 1A Second Teams; and

4 WHEREAS, each student athlete on the team performed at the highest levels of
5 excellence on the court and deserves recognition for his vital contributions to the winning
6 effort: senior Jalen Smith; juniors Lionel Harrison, Nikembe Johnson, Kaleb Smith, and
7 Jalen Wilson; sophomores Kylyn Joseph and Derrick Tezeno; and freshmen Jamarey Cane,
8 Aaron Johnson, and Reginald Stoner, all of whom displayed amazing feats of athleticism and
9 endurance throughout the season; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Jordan and her assistant coaches, Kerrick Alexander, Arnold
11 Gore, Rayvon Gray, and Crystal Trahan; team managers O'Trention Morrison and Tyler
12 Randall; and administrators Principal Reginald Bush, Assistant Principal Brandi Reed, and
13 Athletic Director Jacobi Thierry capably and admirably contributed to the successes of the
14 North Central High School 2018-2019 boys' basketball program and were invaluable to the
15 team's quest to capture its first-ever state championship; Coach Jordan has instilled an
16 attitude of winning in these student athletes and has demonstrated leadership and
17 motivational skills that will keep the members of the team on a path of excellence for the rest
18 of their lives; and

19 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the Hurricanes have
20 earned; to commend the team for the ability it has displayed, particularly at the most difficult
21 level of competition; and to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the team
22 members and coaching staff for the merits earned and the sportsmanship shown while
23 achieving the highest state boys' basketball honor possible for North Central High School.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes, coaches,
26 support, and administrative staff of the North Central High School boys' basketball team for
27 winning the 2019 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship,
28 capping off a truly spectacular season, and does hereby recognize the team's outstanding
29 performance and the pride and honor it has brought to its school and community.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Coach Apphia Jordan.

DIGEST

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