

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, four players earned special merit for exemplary play in the 2018-2019 season: Derrick Tezeno was named to the St. Landry Parish, District 1A, and Class A First Teams and earned Most Valuable Player honors in St. Landry Parish and for District 1A; Nikembe Johnson was named to the St. Landry Parish and District 1A First Teams and to the Class A Second Team; Reginald Stoner was named to the St. Landry Parish and District 1A First Teams, the District 1A All-Defensive Team, and Class A Honorable Mention; and Jalen Smith was named to the St. Landry Parish and District 1A Second Teams; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES