

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Pope John Paul II High School boys' soccer team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2021 Division IV state championship

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Pope John Paul II High School boys' soccer team on winning the Louisiana
3 High School Athletic Association 2021 Division IV state championship.

4 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the top-seeded Pope John Paul II
5 Jaguars boys' soccer team defeated the sixth-seeded Episcopal High School of Baton Rouge
6 by a score of 2-1 at Southeastern Louisiana University's Strawberry Stadium to complete a
7 historic championship season; and

8 WHEREAS, senior Michael Tymkiw and junior Shawn Riviere both contributed a
9 goal in their team's winning effort; and

10 WHEREAS, junior Lincoln Oertling was named the Most Valuable Player of the
11 championship game; and

12 WHEREAS, the Jaguars finished the season with a record of 18-4-2; over the course
13 of the season, the team scored forty-four goals, allowed sixteen goals, and shut out
14 opponents on thirteen separate occasions; and

15 WHEREAS, the victory marked the first state title for boys' soccer in Pope John Paul
16 II High School's forty-one-year history; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2021 state championship season for Pope John Paul II comes on the
18 heels of the team's impressive runner-up performance in the Premier Orange Division of the
19 COPA Acadiana Tournament; throughout the season, the team faced a number of first-class

1 soccer programs from much larger, in-state schools such as Mandeville High School, St.
2 Louis Catholic, E.D. White, and many more; and

3 WHEREAS, the Jaguars were led by team captains Michael Tymkiw, Lincoln
4 Oertling, and Nicholas Barone; other contributing members of the team include seniors Elliz
5 Ortiz, Adam Lisotta, Joseph Estopinal, and Christopher Kelley; juniors Shawn Riviere,
6 Brendan Kuzminski, George Arata, Jack Everard, Patrick Whitehouse, Will Adams, Wilson
7 Varnado, Joey Hosni, and Nathan Baker; sophomores Henley Oertling, Mikey Uwaifo, Jacob
8 Mire, and Nicholas Blum; freshman Allen Raimer, Joseph Whitehouse, Landon Lott, Henry
9 Dutriex; and eighth graders Christian Mire, Carter Chiasson, Preston Mayeaux, Julian
10 Masson, and Adam Merkle; and

11 WHEREAS, team manager Miguel Silva also played an integral role in the success
12 of the Jaguars' championship season; and

13 WHEREAS, the Jaguars were coached by Danny Clavier, who is in his tenth season
14 as head coach of the Pope John Paul II boys' soccer program; Coach Clavier earned his one-
15 hundredth career victory this season and was named the All-District Coach of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to the Jaguars' outstanding achievements on the field, the
17 team was awarded the Team Academic Award by the United Soccer Coaches Association
18 for maintaining a team grade-point average of 3.35; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of the Pope John Paul II High School boys' soccer team
20 are most deserving of recognition for the outstanding championship season.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Pope John Paul II High School boys'
23 soccer team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2021 Division IV
24 state championship; does hereby recognize the members of the team for their inspiring
25 accomplishments on and off the field; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that the players,
26 coaches, trainers, and supporters of the Pope John Paul II High School boys' soccer team
27 prosper in their future endeavors.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 principal of Pope John Paul II High School.

DIGEST

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