

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Homer High School football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2021 Class 1A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Homer High School Pelicans football team captured the 2021 Class 1A state title by defeating Logansport High School, 41-28, at the superdome in New Orleans on December 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Pelicans finished the season with eleven wins and only three losses; the team's victory in the championship game marks the program's first state title since 1939; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Pelicans' defensive unit was among the most dominant in Class 1A; the defense allowed a minuscule average of 10.2 points per game and just one hundred fifty-three yards per game; and

WHEREAS, in the Class 1A championship, Pelicans' sophomore Katreveck Banks intercepted three passes and returned one for a defensive touchdown; in total, the team intercepted the Logansport quarterback six times, breaking the record for interceptions in a state championship game; and

WHEREAS, on offense, the Pelicans were led by their multi-talented quarterback, Ta'Keviuntae Kidd; he returned a kickoff for seventy-nine yards and completed seven of twelve pass attempts for seventy-seven yards and two touchdowns; his outstanding performance earned him the Most Outstanding Player award for the Class 1A state championship game; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. Kidd's incredible performance, Homer High School junior Derron Donell returned an interception twenty-eight yards for a Pelicans' touchdown; this play gave the Pelicans a 20-0 lead early in the game; and

WHEREAS, Pelicans' head football coach, Richie Casey, is a 2008 alumnus of Homer High School and former Louisiana Tech University wide receiver; he has led the Pelicans to three-consecutive Class 1A state playoff appearances, has been named the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year, and ended Homer High School's eighty-two year state championship drought; his career record as head coach of the Pelicans football program stands at twenty-seven wins and only eleven losses; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School Principal Lee Sims, Athletic Director Sarah Hilton, and Coach Casey have emphasized the importance of academic success to the Pelicans football team and all student-athletes at the school; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the team's incredible performance on the field, Homer High School's Brendon Harris was named the 2021 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A Scholastic Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Homer High School Pelicans football team is most deserving of the highest recognition for its incredible season; this year's team has brought great pride and honor to Homer High School, its loyal fans, and all of Claiborne Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Homer High School football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2021 Class 1A state championship; does hereby further recognize the achievements of all its players, coaches, and staff who contributed to this championship season; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the team's players and coaches continue their impressive work and always strive for greatness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Homer High School.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES