

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ponchatoula High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2023 Division I state championship.

WHEREAS, the Ponchatoula High School Green Wave basketball team captured the 2023 state title by defeating New Iberia Senior High School Yellow Jackets basketball team, 63-48, in the Division I nonselect final of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association boys' basketball tournament at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the victory gives the Ponchatoula High School boys' basketball program its first-ever state championship; the Green Wave was led by standout junior Allen Graves, who earned the Most Outstanding Player award after scoring twenty-three points, grabbing sixteen rebounds, and blocking five shots in the championship game; senior guard Trey Parham also contributed four three pointers and sixteen points in the game; and

WHEREAS, the Green Wave finished the 2022-2023 season with an impressive record of twenty-nine wins and only seven losses; the team also reached the state tournament for the first time since 1970 and advanced to the state final for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, Ponchatoula Head Coach Thomas Taylor and his assistant coaches, Uland Thorn, Daniel Dunn, Garry Polk, and Melvin Huland, are most deserving of the highest recognition for leading the Green Wave throughout the season; the team's training staff was also profoundly impactful by maintaining the health of the players; and the players are certainly worthy of the highest praise for winning their school's first-ever state championship in boys' basketball.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ponchatoula High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2023 Division I state championship and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the team's coaches, players, and training staff continue their excellent work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES