

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the St. Charles Catholic Comets football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division III Select state championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the St. Charles Catholic Comets football team upon winning
3 the 2022 LHSAA Division III Select state championship.

4 WHEREAS, the defending state champion and second-seeded Comets rolled into the
5 Superdome on December 9, 2022, to face a familiar foe in the fourth-seeded Dunham Tigers
6 from Baton Rouge; and

7 WHEREAS, for the past two seasons, the Comets defeated the Tigers in the
8 quarterfinals; and

9 WHEREAS, it was in this championship game that the Tigers were seeking to avenge
10 their previous season-ending losses to the Comets and jumped out to an early lead; and

11 WHEREAS, in a fierce, back-and-forth matchup, the Comets answered with a
12 twenty-three yard run by Davon Stirgus to tie the game at seven apiece; and

13 WHEREAS, Dunham immediately answered with another touchdown and the first
14 quarter ended with the Comets down by seven points; and

15 WHEREAS, in the second quarter, the defenses for both teams dug in, but the
16 Comets managed to score on a Samare Scott touchdown run, with the score deadlocked at
17 fourteen at the end of the first half; and

18 WHEREAS, the Tigers exploded for two touchdowns in the third quarter, while the

1 Comets only managed a Tyler Milioto field goal, setting up their epic fourth quarter
2 comeback; and

3 WHEREAS, with the Tigers leading 28-17 going into the fourth quarter, the Comets
4 rallied with a two-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Ayden Authement to
5 Jackson Monica, followed by a successful two-point conversion pass from Authement to
6 Brandon Kragle to cut Dunham's lead to three; and

7 WHEREAS, second-year head coach Wayne Stein made the gutsy call for an onside
8 kick that the Comets recovered to continue their frantic comeback; and

9 WHEREAS, faced with a fourth down and one yard to go situation, deep in the
10 Tigers' territory, Coach Stein made the call by going for it with Authement rolling and
11 twisting two yards for the first down at the Dunham seventeen yard line; and

12 WHEREAS, in a third-and-goal situation, Authement took the ball into the end zone
13 for the Comets first lead of the game, with less than six minutes to go; and

14 WHEREAS, Dunham marched down the field and completed several third- and
15 fourth-down situations, but the Comets defense proved to be impenetrable as Dunham could
16 not convert four consecutive passes to the end zone, and the Comets took over possession
17 with four seconds remaining, just in time for the victory formation; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Wayne Stein has two championships in his two years as the
19 Comets' head coach after replacing legendary Coach Frank Monica.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend and congratulate the St. Charles Catholic Comets football team upon
22 winning the 2022 LHSAA Division III Select state championship.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24 Comets' head coach, Wayne Stein.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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