

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Ragin' Cajuns of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette upon winning their second consecutive New Orleans Bowl.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 22, 2012, our hearts and minds were in New Orleans, Louisiana, where we experienced the conclusion of a wonderfully enjoyable season and witnessed the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) Ragin' Cajuns handily defeat the East Carolina Pirates 43-34 in the 2012 R+L Carriers New Orleans Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, on this great day, before a national television audience and a record crowd of 48, 828 fans at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, ULL made its second consecutive bowl game appearance; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Ragin' Cajuns' win in the R+L New Orleans Bowl improved ULL's all-time record in bowl games to 3-1; and

WHEREAS, the ULL Ragin' Cajuns achieved a second straight post-season bowl victory, having won the 2011 edition of the New Orleans Bowl, defeating San Deigo State University 32-20 in a down-to-the-wire thriller; and

WHEREAS, ULL became the second team to win back-to-back editions of the New Orleans Bowl, joining Southern Miss, which won in 2004 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mark Hudspeth and his team exhibited tremendous competitiveness and spirit in finishing their amazing 2012 season with an overall record of 9-4, tying ULL's school record for most wins in a season; and

WHEREAS, since Coach Hudspeth took over as head coach in 2011, the Ragin' Cajuns' have an astounding 18-8 overall record and are 12-4 in conference play and 11-1 at home over the last two seasons; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is deserved by quarterback Terrance Broadway, who earned the game's Most Valuable Player award by completing twenty-one of thirty-two

passes and accounting for four-hundred twenty-four yards of total offense, including a single sixty-eight yard sprint down the sideline for a touchdown in the second quarter; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable talent and determination of every player and coach on the 2012 ULL football team led to this outstanding season and its culmination in victory at the R+L Carriers New Orleans Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, this incredible victory is an indelible part of an extraordinary era in the history of ULL football and has created a memory that will forever be cherished by ULL fans in generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and express enduring appreciation for the immense pride and honor that the 2012 ULL Ragin' Cajuns football team has brought to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the Louisiana does hereby recognize the magnificent performance of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns during the 2012 season and their success in the New Orleans Bowl, and does hereby commend and congratulate the players, the coaching staff, and the entire ULL football family upon this historic victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Mark Hudspeth.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE