

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX, BROWN, AND HOWARD AND SENATOR GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Natchitoches Central High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2014 Class 5A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Central High School boys' basketball team completed a sensational season, earning the title of 2014 Class 5A state champions after defeating two-time defending champions Scotlandville Magnet High School by a score of 60-53 to win the state championship game on Friday, March 14, 2014, at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, in front of an electric and rousing crowd of over seven thousand fans; and

WHEREAS, the historic victory was the culmination of another unforgettable season for the Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2013-2014 season and playoffs, and each of these Chiefs deserves recognition for his vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs were led by Cameron Lard, who scored twenty-four points, made ten rebounds, and blocked six shots, and received Outstanding Player honors in addition to being named the Top 28 Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs were also led by LeMarcus Lee, with nineteen points, Jordan Adebutu, who scored eighteen points, Austin Guy, with ten points and eleven rebounds, Danny Cohen and Brandon Rachal, who both scored ten points each, and Andre Jackson, with six points and five assists; and

WHEREAS, in the most touching and emotional moment of the championship game, with only a few seconds left on the clock, two injured seniors, Dyllon Weaver and Ricky Metoyer, who had both suffered season-ending injuries, checked into the game and participated in the championship-winning shot and moment for the Chiefs; although injured, they ended their high school careers suited-up as champions; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs finished their remarkable season with a 31-3 record, and shot 62.3 percent from the field in the championship game and made 24 of 38 shots; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs' amazing accomplishments could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of Head Coach Micah Coleman, as well as all of the other individuals who have contributed to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 state championship is the first in boys' basketball for the Natchitoches Central High Chiefs in the school's nearly fifty-year history; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2013-2014 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Chiefs, and all Natchitoches Central High School alumni and fans recognize the immense pride and distinguished honor that the team brings to its school, Natchitoches Parish, and the entire state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Natchitoches Central High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2014 Class 5A state championship, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the historical nature of the school's first-ever state championship in boys' basketball, and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine basketball program as they celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Micah Coleman.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE