

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, MORRELL, MURRAY AND PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker Career College and Preparatory High School boys basketball team for winning the Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, in August 2013 two high schools, L.B. Landry and O.Perry Walker, combined at a state-of-the-art facility in Algiers to form L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School, now Landry-Walker High School; and

WHEREAS, with the merger of these schools came the difficulties of newly combined coaching staffs and teams, which included athletes that, prior to the 2013-2014 school year, had been opponents; and

WHEREAS, despite the upheaval and all the issues of a team that was playing its first season together, by mid-March the Landry-Walker boys basketball team completed their regular season with a record of 35-5, the Chargin' Bucs found their way to the boys basketball Top 28 basketball tournament in Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, however unlikely it might have seemed in August, the team battled its way into the championship game and prepared to face a feisty East Jefferson High School Warriors team; and

WHEREAS, Landry-Walker Coach Brian Gibson stated that his team started out the Class 4A championship game "pretty fast", with the Chargin' Bucs outscoring the Warriors of East Jefferson in a run of 32-2 at one point in the first half; and

WHEREAS, with a halftime score favoring the Bucs 44-16, the second half began with a 13-0 run by the Warriors, although the Landry-Walker team never allowed the Warriors to cut the lead to less than ten at any point in the final half; and

WHEREAS, with the score in the game 58-48 and Landry-Walker continuing to lead, the Chargin' Bucs went on an 18-3 run and eventually closed out the game with a score of 76-56; and

WHEREAS, despite the improbability of a team that was playing its first season together becoming the champion, Chargin' Bucs guard Lamar Peters stated that the team felt the outcome of the game was never in doubt, stating that the team was never nervous and that they "knew we were gonna win"; and

WHEREAS, Landry-Walker guard Tyree Griffin was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, finishing with fifteen points, six assists, and four rebounds; and

WHEREAS, Chargin' Bucs senior guard Corey Wells was perfect from the field in the championship game, finishing with eighteen points, making all four shots from the field that he attempted, including two three-pointer shots and all eight freethrows; and

WHEREAS, Warriors Coach Ryan Dicharry stated that he felt his team just dug themselves a hole that they were unable to climb out of, despite their best efforts beginning the second half; and

WHEREAS, Warriors players finished with several outstanding individual efforts, including guard Shaquille Preston who scored twenty-four points, guard Eugene Wells with nine points, and Curtiss Anderson finished with nine points and ten rebounds; and

WHEREAS, Griffin and Wells were among five Landry-Walker players to finish in double figures; Anthony Milton and Keyaton Thompson each scored thirteen points and Lamar Peters finished with ten points.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker Career College and Preparatory High School boys basketball team for winning the Class 4A state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Mary Laurie, principal of Landry-Walker High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE