

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the Natchitoches Central High School Chiefs on the 2014 Class 5A Basketball State Championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature  
5 of Louisiana have learned of the unprecedented great honor achieved by the Natchitoches  
6 Central High School Chiefs boys basketball team upon the completion of a sensational 2014  
7 season; and wishes to congratulate the players and coaches on winning the Class 5A boy's  
8 state basketball championship; and

9 WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Central Chiefs finished the 2014 season with an  
10 exceptional overall record of thirty-one wins and only three losses, going out as the Class  
11 5A state champions; and

12 WHEREAS, in the championship game number two ranked Natchitoches Central  
13 High School defeated top-seeded Scotlandville Magnet High School 60-53 with forty-six of  
14 the Chiefs' sixty points being scored inside the paint, ending Scotlandville's back-to-back  
15 state title championship winning streak; and

16 WHEREAS, the Chiefs victory claimed the first Class 5A state title for a boys sport  
17 at Natchitoches Central High School; and

1           WHEREAS, Austin Guy, a sophomore, led the Chiefs all year averaging 15 points  
2 per game and nine rebounds; Brandon Rachal's outstanding defense averaged 3.2 steals per  
3 game and was named all-district freshman; Andre Jackson, a senior standout, was named all-  
4 state point guard and finished district and playoff games averaging nine assists per game;  
5 Danny Cohen, a junior standout, was voted All-State in the Coaches' Association polls and  
6 finished the playoffs averaging twenty points per game; and sophomore standout Cameron  
7 Lard was MVP, receiving Outstanding Player honors in the final game in which he scored  
8 twenty-four points, made ten rebounds, and had six blocks; and

9           WHEREAS, additionally, each member of the team took part in the championship  
10 honors and performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the season, and each  
11 deserve recognition for his vital contributions to the winning effort; and

12           WHEREAS, the victorious members of the Natchitoches Central Chiefs High School  
13 boys basketball team consists of Ricky Metoyer, Danny Cohen, Donald Rachal, Darian  
14 Raymond, Andre Jackson, Austin Guy, Darien Jones, Chris Burks, Brandon Rachal, Michael  
15 Johnson, Keyth Johnson, Cameron Lard, Kimani Benjamin, Dyllon Weaver, and Decorrius  
16 Anderson, and managers Kolby Carter, Trey Reed, Ryan Woodard, JJ Payne, and Marquis  
17 King, trainer Lennis Watson, and statistician Warren Massia; and

18           WHEREAS, Head Coach Micah Coleman, along with assistant coaches Kolton  
19 Sepulvado and Darius Burton have instilled in their players the kind of leadership and  
20 motivational skills needed to succeed both on and off the court; and

21           WHEREAS, through its display of good sportsmanship and dedication to excellence,  
22 the Natchitoches Central High School boy basketball team has brought a tremendous sense  
23 of honor and pride to its school, its alumni and surrounding community.

24           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
25 does hereby commend the members of the Natchitoches Central High School boys basketball  
26 team, coaches, and staff for winning the 2014 Class 5A state basketball championship, and  
27 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the Natchitoches Central Chiefs  
28 boys basketball team in recognition of their outstanding athletic abilities and their thrilling  
29 season, and does hereby extend to the team and its coaches best wishes for success in the  
30 future.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
2 Coach Micah Coleman, and Principal Dale Skinner.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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