

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends University of Louisiana at Monroe cheerleading team for their fourth place national ranking at the 2015 Universal Cheerleaders Association National Competition.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) cheerleading
3 team for their fourth place national ranking at the 2015 Universal Cheerleaders
4 Association (UCA) National Competition.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and Senate of the Legislature of
6 Louisiana have learned about the honor earned by the ULM cheerleading team at the 2015
7 UCA National Competition in Orlando, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, the ULM cheerleading team promotes Warhawk school spirit
9 throughout campus by leading chants and cheers at sporting events and other campus
10 activities; and

11 WHEREAS, this group of athletes also devotes time to community service by
12 upholding the university's positive values of integrity and improvement, thereby bringing
13 great pride to their state and their community; and

14 WHEREAS, the ULM cheerleading team deserves gratitude for their continued
15 dedication to the university, but also immense congratulations for their performance in the
16 2015 UCA National Cheerleading Championship on January 18, 2015, where the team won
17 fourth place in the Division IA All-Girl bracket, arguably considered the most competitive
18 division of UCA; and

1 WHEREAS, this was the first time ULM has competed in the Division IA All-Girl
2 bracket, thus setting a high standard of performance not only for the state of Louisiana, but
3 also the entire country; and

4 WHEREAS, the ULM cheerleading team has a long and proud history of success
5 competing in the UCA National Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, over the past ten years, ULM has competed in the Small Coed D1
7 Division, placing in the top ten a total of seven times and earning three national
8 championship titles, and the team's previous rankings in the Small Coed D1 Division are as
9 follows: 2014 and 2013 - 9th place, 2012 - 10th place, 2010 - 6th place, 2009 - 4th place,
10 2008 - National Champions, 2007 - 3rd place, 2006 - 2nd place, and in 2005 and 2004 -
11 National Champions; and

12 WHEREAS, the transition from Coed to All-Girl requires a change in routines and
13 stunts, but these challenges did not hinder the performance of the ULM cheerleaders at the
14 UCA National Cheerleading Championship; and

15 WHEREAS, coaches Peaire Allison and Nick Gaspard, both of whom were members
16 of the 2005, 2006, and 2008 cheerleading teams, helped ease this transition with their
17 knowledge and love of the sport; and

18 WHEREAS, between January 16 through 18, 2015, teams from all around the country
19 gathered in Orlando, Florida, to compete for the title of Division IA All-Girl National
20 Champions; and

21 WHEREAS, twenty-one universities entered the competition, including the
22 University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, and Florida State University, and on
23 January 18, 2015, the final fourteen universities competed for the coveted championship
24 title; and

25 WHEREAS, after an incredible performance by the Warhawk cheerleaders, they
26 earned the ranking of fourth place in the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, the twenty-nine members of the 2015 ULM IA All-Girl championship
28 team are as follows: Keri Anderson of Shreveport, Lacy Bagbey of Monroe, Angela Cash
29 of Elm Grove, Emily Cecil of Stonewall, Skylar DeRouen of New Iberia, Ann Elyse Dozier
30 of Monroe, Alyssa Fontenot of Pineville, Jaimie Gilley of Monroe, Amber Griffin of

1 Monroe, Hannah Hogan of Shreveport, Gabrielle Kelly of Monroe, Hunter Kerlegan of
 2 Houma, Erika McDermott of Monroe, Kristen McKeithen of Shreveport, Jordan Mertens of
 3 Ball, Jennifer Nelson of Monroe, Maitland Oller of Minden, Kelsey Osbon of Minden,
 4 Lindsey Owens of Springhill, Katelynn Roy of West Monroe, Jesse Smith of Monroe,
 5 Madison Smith of Monroe, Ciara Snelling of Shreveport, Kristyn Stinson of Marion, Kristen
 6 Toms of West Monroe, Raegan Trusty of Paris, Arkansas, Me'Arisha Walker of Summit,
 7 Mississippi, Allison Willard of Sterlington, and Dominique Young of Marrero, Louisiana;
 8 and

9 WHEREAS, ULM cheerleading is a tradition on campus that continues to excel; and

10 WHEREAS, the team demonstrates unwavering dedication and its members deserve
 11 only the best recognition and appreciation, whether it be at a sporting event or the UCA
 12 championship, ULM cheerleading displays Warhawk pride to an extraordinary degree.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
 14 does hereby commend and congratulate the ULM cheerleading team for their fourth place
 15 national ranking and wishes them much success preparing for the UCA National
 16 Cheerleading Championship next year.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 18 University of Louisiana at Monroe cheerleading team.

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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