

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY SENATOR MORRISH AND REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Hackberry High School softball team for winning the 2015 Class C State Championship for the fifth consecutive year.

WHEREAS, the Hackberry High School softball team has completed a five-year run by taking the final game in the Class C State Championship in a six-inning sixteen-to-six win over St. Joseph's High School of Plaquemine, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Hackberry Mustangs, winners of the state title in five consecutive seasons beginning in 2011, were led in the final game by freshman, Gracie Devall, who went three for four in the game with a double, triple, a run scored and three runs batted in (RBIs); and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs were off to a good start, scoring in the first inning and following up with five runs in the second as Abby Trahan had a two-run single and Sydney Broussard and Brianne Beard each drove in a run and the team headed into the third inning with a six-run lead; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph's girls came back with a five-run fourth inning, which the Mustangs countered with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth as Lexie Stine and Devall reached on singles; Devall's single rolled to the fence scoring Stine while Devall scored on an error on Olivia LaBove's grounder, ending the inning with an eight to five lead; and

WHEREAS, after St. Joseph's added one run, Hackberry scored three more runs in the bottom of the fifth with Broussard, Trahan, and Blanche and Brianne Beard contributing to the rally and increasing the lead to eleven to six; and

WHEREAS, the game ended early on the ten-run rule when the Mustangs scored five in the sixth inning with Stine connecting for a two-run single and Devall blasting a two-run double off the left field fence to score the final two runs and closing the game out at sixteen to six; and

WHEREAS, the win capped a season in which three eighth-graders and a sophomore filled the void left by four seniors who graduated after the 2014 championship; and

WHEREAS, the depth of commitment by the members of the Hackberry softball team and their coaches can be measured in their success, but also in the friendships forged through the sense of accomplishment of a goal as a team and in the continuation of what has become a Hackberry High School softball tradition; and

WHEREAS, Coach Angie Little complimented the 2015 Hackberry Mustangs, stating that the team worked hard and on the diamond their attitude was to "play defense and hustle, hustle, hustle"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Class C State Champion Hackberry Mustang softball team are Sydney Broussard, Brianne Beard, Kaye Leigh LaBove, Lexie Stine, Abby Trahan, McClain Frey, Jeanne Trahan, Gracie Devall, Blanche Beard, Olyvia LaBove, Casey LaFleur and Karlie Stine; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff for the Mustang softball team is Angie Little, head coach, and assistant coaches Kristal Franklin, Sharon Sanner, and Barry Stine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Hackberry High School softball team for winning the 2015 Class C State Championship for the fifth consecutive year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Hackberry High School Principal, Charles Wilson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES