

1 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
2 without the guidance and skills of head coach Bruce Stewart, who won his first state
3 championship as a head coach after twenty-nine years of coaching baseball and softball at
4 Winnfield and Leesville, as well as all of the other individuals who have contributed to the
5 success of the school's softball program; and

6 WHEREAS, twelve-year-old freshman shortstop Ryleigh Rutherford's grandfather,
7 Mike Dunn, passed away at the start of the season, and his death served as inspiration to the
8 championship run by the Lady Cats and the team dedicated their win to his legacy; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn, who was referred to as Papa by the entire team, was a huge
10 supporter of Florien softball and announced batters at home games, and in his memory, the
11 team wore white armbands and gave the thumbs-up sign when his granddaughter Ryleigh
12 came to bat and pointed their fingers toward the sky; and

13 WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2012-2013 season upholds the glorious tradition
14 of the Lady Cats, and all Florien High School alumni and fans recognize the immense pride
15 and distinguished honor that the team brings to its school, community, and state.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 commend the Florien High School girls' softball team upon winning the 2013 Class B state
18 championship and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone
19 involved with this exceptional softball program as they celebrate their extraordinary and
20 historic season and prepare for continued success in the future.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Bruce Stewart, head coach of the Lady Cats.

DIGEST

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