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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Florien High School girls' softball team on winning the 2013 Class B state championship

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Florien High School girls' softball team on winning the 2013 Class B state
3	championship.
4	WHEREAS, the Florien High School girls' softball team won the 2013 Louisiana
5	High School Athletic Association Fast Pitch 56 Class B state championship and it is
6	appropriate to commend them on an outstanding and historic season; and
7	WHEREAS, the Florien softball team finished the 2012-2013 season with a 26-4
8	record and beat 4A powers Neville and West Ouachita; and
9	WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence
10	throughout the 2012-2013 season and playoffs, and each of these great Lady Cats deserves
11	recognition for her vital contribution to the winning effort; and
12	WHEREAS, starting pitcher Abbey McMillian, who pitched the team to the state title
13	while leading the team in hitting, and Haylee Tidwell, who was the big hitter in the Lady
14	Cats' 5-4 semifinal win against Grace Christian, both displayed immense calm under
15	pressure and are to be commended for their roles in the team's championship title; and
16	WHEREAS, Adrianna Phillips also merits a special measure of commendation for
17	taking on a leadership role in the team's title win against Anacoco, collecting four runs
18	batted in after sparking a rally against Grace Christian with a double off the fence; and
19	WHEREAS, the title run by the Lady Cats is particularly significant and improbable
20	due to the youth of the team: the starting lineup includes a sophomore, five freshmen, two
21	eighth graders, and a pair of outfielders a year removed from elementary school; and

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.

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