

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL, STEVE CARTER, AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University gymnastics team on an outstanding 2018 season.

WHEREAS, the LSU gymnastics team won three titles in 2018, with wins at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Raleigh Regional and Southeastern Conference (SEC) Championships, as well as a perfect 7-0 record for the SEC Regular Season Championship; overall, LSU finished with a record of 33-5, the second-most wins in school history; and

WHEREAS, for the thirty-ninth time, LSU's team scores were one hundred ninety-seven or better, thus breaking the NCAA gymnastics record set by Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, LSU advanced to the program's seventh NCAA Super Six in school history; the team finished fourth nationally after posting the highest Super Six score in school history and the second-highest score at an NCAA championship meet; and

WHEREAS, LSU gymnasts combined to earn twenty-eight All-America honors for the most in a single season in school history, besting the previous record of twenty-seven set in 2017; LSU gymnasts have now combined to earn two hundred thirty-nine All-America honors in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, junior Sarah Finnegan was named the Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Year, Central Region Gymnast of the Year, and Honda Award nominee; the Honda Award is given to the top gymnast in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Myia Hambrick ended her career as a twenty-time All-American and was named a finalist for the American Athletic, Inc., Award, which is given to the top senior gymnast in the nation; and

WHEREAS, both Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Hambrick earned perfect 10.0 scores with Ms. Finnegan becoming the second gymnast in the program's history to earn a perfect score on three different events in the same season; and

WHEREAS, Kennedi Edney became the eighth gymnast in the program's history to earn four All-America honors at an NCAA Championship; the sophomore finished in the top eight of vault, bars, floor, and the all-around; and

WHEREAS, junior Lexie Priessman earned All-America honors on bars and junior Julianna Cannamela and freshman Christina Desiderio captured their first All-America honors on vault and floor respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record inside the Pete Maravich Assembly Center; they are now 34-0 in the Maravich Assembly Center over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Tiger fans packed the Maravich Assembly Center this season, averaging over twelve thousand fans per meet, which set a new school record; LSU finished first in the SEC and second in the nation in average attendance for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, LSU sold out the Maravich Assembly Center in back-to-back meets for the first time in school history, those crowds enjoying wins over Kentucky and Alabama; LSU fans set the single meet record against the Crimson Tide when over thirteen thousand seven hundred fans attended the meet; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of head coach D-D Breaux, associate head coach Jay Clark, assistant coach Bob Moore, volunteer coach Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, student assistant coach Ashleigh Gnat, and director of operations Katie Copeland, as well as all of the other individuals who have contributed to the success of the LSU gymnastics program; and

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to recognize each of the coaches and the extraordinary Tigers team members on their much deserved success throughout the 2018 season which was earned through teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport of gymnastics.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the gymnasts, coaches, and staff of the Louisiana State University gymnastics team on an outstanding and memorable

season, on winning the Southeastern Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships, and on their numerous other historic accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to D-D Breaux, head coach of the Louisiana State University gymnastics team.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES