

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Madison Preparatory Academy boys' basketball team on winning the 2018 Class 3A state championship

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Madison Preparatory Academy boys' basketball team on winning the 2018
3 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state championship.

4 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2018, in Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, the Madison
5 Prep Chargers cemented their legacy in the annals of Louisiana basketball with an
6 electrifying 69-50 win over Peabody in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association
7 Class 3A championship, their fourth straight state title and fifth in eight years; and

8 WHEREAS, senior forward Josh LeBlanc led the charge in the title game; he scored
9 19 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked 3 shots, and was named the game's Most
10 Outstanding Player; and

11 WHEREAS, the win capped an up-and-down season for the Madison Prep Chargers,
12 who played several games without Mr. LeBlanc and several other seniors due to injuries, but
13 Head Coach Jeff Jones, Jr., skillfully mixed and matched the athletes who could play to
14 achieve a season wins-losses record of 26-6; and

15 WHEREAS, the stellar leadership of Coach Jones and his assistants, Torry Beaulieu,
16 Darrel Owens, and James Ross contributed to the exemplary play of this season's Madison
17 Prep Chargers, and each athlete deserves mention: seniors Josh LeBlanc, Tyler Brooks,
18 Larry Browder, Kobe Julien, Tyresse Walker, and Jharon Whitfield; juniors Marcus Guss
19 and Jahein Spencer; sophomores Malik Gray, Eldred "EJ" Jackson, Jordan Johnson, Jason
20 Perry, and Elijah Tate; and freshman Kevon Shannon; and

1 WHEREAS, Madison Prep has extended its pedigree of champions; its boys'
2 basketball teams have competed in LHSAA's Class B, Class 1A, and Class 2A, and with the
3 2018 Class 3A win, their legacy is that of state champions in four different classes and
4 winners of five of their last six championship games; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Jones has instilled an ethic of winning in these fine young men
6 and has demonstrated leadership and motivational skills that have led to success both on and
7 off the court for the Madison Prep Chargers; and

8 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the Madison
9 Preparatory Academy Chargers have earned; to commend the team for the ability they have
10 displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of competition; and to express sincere and
11 heartfelt congratulations to team members and the coaching staff for the merits earned and
12 the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest state boys' basketball honor possible
13 for Madison Preparatory Academy.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes, coaches, and
16 management staff of the Madison Preparatory Academy boys' basketball team for winning
17 the 2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state
18 championship and completing a truly spectacular season; and does hereby recognize the
19 team's outstanding performance and the pride and honor they have brought to their school
20 and community.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Head Coach Jeff Jones, Jr.

DIGEST

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