

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES