

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Teurlings Catholic High School baseball team upon winning the 2016 Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Teurlings Rebels reveled in a come-from-behind win on Saturday, May 14, 2016, to take the Class 4A state title over West Ouachita with a 3-2 win; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of head coach Michael Thibodeaux, the Teurlings Rebels completed a season of thirty-five wins against just four losses, was undefeated in District play with a 10-0 record, and was ranked third in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) tournament before winning the Class 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels' bats began to make hit music in the bottom of the fourth inning when Jacob Richard doubled to left field to push Chaney Dodge home for a tying run at 1-1; and

WHEREAS, never losing their composure when the West Ouachita Chiefs retook the lead in the top of the fifth, Teurlings' pitcher Josh Taylor hit a triple off the left field wall in the bottom of the fifth and scored when Hayden Cantrelle doubled to right field, bringing the game to a 2-2 tie; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels ran a play that had been successful throughout the season: a Brett Weber bunt gave Cantrelle the opportunity to score from second base and Teurlings took a 3-2 lead they never relinquished; and

WHEREAS, the victory achieved in this year's Class 4A LHSAA championship final is the result of years of hard work by the student athletes, solid coaching, commitment from parents, and the backing of the school and community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest levels of excellence throughout the season, and each Teurlings Rebel deserves recognition for his vital contributions to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, seniors Chaney Dodge, Austin Kirkpatrick, Matthew McMillan, Jacob Richard, Josh Taylor, and Brett Weber; juniors Garrett Boudreaux, Hayden Cantrelle, Max Doucet, Evan Mire, Kade Sonnier, and Nick Webre; sophomores Hayden Arnaud, Isaac Boulanger, Grant Clark, Kanin Dodge, Kalun Dronette, Trevor Dupre, Judson Judice, Hunter Landry, and Dylan Langlinais; and freshmen Blake Blanchard, Zachary Bourque, Connor Dickinson, Jaxon Dugas, Braxton Gallet, Barry Pepiton, Jacob Pepiton, Tate Simon, Nicholas Taylor, and Caleb Whittington were guided by head coach Michael Thibodeaux and his assistants, Richey Garrett and Brock Broussard; with the year-long support of team manager Ashton Brignac, trainer Ricky Landry, and statistician Lindsey Hargrave, the hard work and dedication of the team led to this year's championship; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the well-deserved title the Teurlings Rebels have earned; to commend the team members for the ability they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of competition; and to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the athletes, support staff, and coaches for the merits earned and the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest state boys' baseball honor possible for Teurlings Catholic High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes, coaches, and staff of the Teurlings Catholic High School boys' baseball team for winning the 2016 Class 4A state championship, capping a truly spectacular season; and does hereby recognize the team's outstanding performance and the pride and honor it has brought to the school and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to head coach Michael Thibodeaux.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES