

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER, ABRAHAM, BACALA, BAGLEY, BERTHELOT, TERRY BROWN, COUSSAN, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, GUINN, HAVARD, HENSGENS, LEBAS, DUSTIN MILLER, JAY MORRIS, POPE, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, STEFANSKI, AND THIBAUT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the LSU-Eunice Lady Bengals softball team upon winning the 2017 national championship.

WHEREAS, the LSU-Eunice Lady Bengals won their fifth national championship by defeating the top-ranked Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats at Traceway Park on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the game was a back-and-forth battle with the Lady Bengals coming from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning to win by a score of eight to seven; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals trailed three to zero early in the second inning but were able to come charging back in the bottom of the third inning when freshman Sierra Gasca walked and sophomore Rebecca Skains hit a towering home run; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals were able to capture a four to three lead in the fourth inning on a double by sophomore Jeannemarie Angelle and scored a run on a hit by freshman Mima Doucet; and

WHEREAS, in the top of the fifth, Jones County rallied for three runs to regain the lead; refusing to concede victory, Rebecca Skains blasted a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth to close the gap; and

WHEREAS, Jones County again widened the lead in the top of the sixth inning to seven to five; the Lady Bengals rallied back when sophomore Bobbi Smith reached on an error and scored on a single to center field by sophomore Molly Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals went into the bottom of the seventh trailing seven to six; Jordan Bishop opened the inning with a single and tied the game when pinch runner freshman Abby Trahan scored on a wild pitch; the Lady Bengals' freshman Emily Henderson scored the game winning run on a squeeze bunt by freshman Haley Godeaux; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals could not have performed so well without the help of sophomore pitchers Abigail Leonards and Hannah Vidallier; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals were also led by most valuable player, Rebecca Skains, who went three-for-four with two home runs; also contributing were Molly Wilson who went two-for-four, Jeannemarie Angelle who went two-for-three, and Sierra Gasca who went two-for-two; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bengals' 2017 national championship was truly a team effort and all of the members of the team made invaluable contributions, including Mary Guillory, Darian Doucet, Elizabeth Fontenot, Ally Howard, Savannah Lejeune, Alexa Lonibos, Maleah Saucedo, and Lakyn Wales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the LSU-Eunice Lady Bengals softball team upon winning the 2017 national championship; does hereby extend its best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with the outstanding program as they celebrate their great season and wonderful victory in the championship game.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES