

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 223

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUVAL AND TERRY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Cecilia High School boys' track and field team upon winning the 2016 Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, led by senior Raymond Calais, who captured state titles in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.59 seconds and clocked 21.21 seconds in the 200-meter dash, the Cecilia High Bulldogs rolled up a total of seventy-eight meet points to take the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A championship on Saturday, May 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, head coach Logan Duplechien graduated from Cecilia High School in 2002 and returned to his alma mater to teach and train his athletes to be winners; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were two points shy of reaching the 4A title in 2015 but Coach Duplechien, his staff, and the members of the team focused on the state championship stakes and were determined to return to Cecilia High School in 2016 as victors; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Cecilia High School boys' track and field team deserves special recognition for the dedication and effort displayed that culminated in this year's Class 4A state title: seniors Raymond Calais, Jr., 100-meter champion, 200-meter champion, 4x100-meter relay champion, 4x200-meter relay champion, and named the state Outstanding Track Performer, Kenya Dartez, javelin, Darius Gordon, shot put, Brandon Williams, 110-meter hurdles and 4x400-meter relay, and Keldrick Zeno, 4x100-meter relay champion and 4x200-meter relay champion; juniors Darius Flenaugh, 800-meter runner-up and 4x400-meter relay, and Jason Stelly, Jr., 4x100-meter relay champion, 4x200-meter relay champion, and 4x400-meter relay; and sophomores Terrell Chevalier, 110-meter hurdles champion, 300-meter hurdles, and 4x400-meter relay, and Ryan Malbrough, 100-meter, 200-meter, 4x100-meter relay champion, and 4x200-meter relay champion; and

WHEREAS, Coach Duplechien and assistant coaches Mickey Autrey, Alex Durand, Gerald Etienne, Lowell Guidry, and Marty Lewis have instilled an ethic of winning in these young men and have demonstrated leadership and motivational skills that have led to success both on and off field; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the 2016 Bulldogs 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 the team members and coaching staff for the merits earned and the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest state boys' track and field honor possible for Cecilia High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the athletes and coaching staff of the Cecilia High School boys' track and field team for winning the 2016 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A championship, capping off 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 Logan Duplechien.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES