

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 247

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Xavier University of Louisiana men's tennis team upon its outstanding 2016 season.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Xavier University of Louisiana men's tennis team became the first Xavier team in any sport in the school's history to reach the championship round of a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Xavier Gold Rush men's tennis team performed admirably in the championship matches; Xavier University of Louisiana was the 2016 NAIA runner-up in men's tennis and finished as the Number 2 team in the national postseason coaches poll; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Montrel, Karan Salwan, and Thomas Setodji were named first-team NAIA All Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Rush men's tennis team completed the 2016 season with seventeen wins against eight losses, and included in those wins was a school record of five victories against NCAA Division I opponents; the continuation of a streak of consecutive appearances in the NAIA Top 25, which began April 4, 2007, and now stands at seventy-seven; and an amazing forty-seventh consecutive Top 10 ranking for Xavier University men's tennis; and

WHEREAS, the team's amazing accomplishments could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication and inspiring guidance of head coach Alan Green, who was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association / NAIA Men's National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2016 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Gold Rush, and all alumni and fans recognize the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to Xavier University and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the athletes and staff of the Xavier University of Louisiana 2016 men's tennis team upon their outstanding season; does hereby record for posterity the milestones achieved this season in the great sport of tennis; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine tennis program as they celebrate their sensational season and prepare for continued success in the future.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES