

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 299

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Southern University at New Orleans women's track and field team upon winning four national titles in the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics outdoor track and field championships.

WHEREAS, the Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Lady Knights track and field team competed in the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) women's outdoor track and field championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama, and finished second to University of British Columbia by only two points; and

WHEREAS, in the 4 x 100 meter relay, Kerry Ann Scott, Stacey Ann Williams, Kimone Hinds, and Argyana Bolton won with a time of 45.46; the last time SUNO won the 4 x 100 meter relay in the national tournament was in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Kimona Smikle earned her second straight 400 meter hurdle championship with a time of 59.27; and

WHEREAS, freshman Stacey Ann Williams won her first 400 meter title with a time of 52.00; it was SUNO's fourth consecutive title in the 400 meter race; and

WHEREAS, the 4 x 400 meter team of Argyana Bolton, Kimona Smikle, Xuxa Peart, and Stacey Ann Williams finished first in the event with a time of 3:38.22, which was SUNO's fourth consecutive title and its eighth overall in the 4 x 400 meter relay; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, guidance, and skills of Coach Younne Reid and his staff; and it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved national titles the Lady Knights earned, to recognize their abilities, particularly at the most difficult level of competition, and to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to team members and coaches for the merits earned and the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest national track and field honors possible for Southern University at New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Southern University at New Orleans women's outdoor track and field team on winning four titles at the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the sport of track and field; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and all those involved in the track and field program as they celebrate their championship season and prepare for continued athletic success and life accomplishments in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Younne Reid.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES