

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Brother Martin High School basketball team upon winning the 2010 Class 5A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Brother Martin High School basketball team completed a sensational season, earning the title of 2010 Class 5A state champions after defeating Scotlandville Magnet High School by a score of 55-54 to win the thrilling state championship game at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Cajundome; and

WHEREAS, the Brother Martin Crusaders began the state playoffs as an upstart District 10-5A wildcard, entering the playoffs at the ninth seed; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders faced the second-ranked Scotlandville Hornets in the championship game of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association State Farm Top 28 Boys Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, down sixteen points in the second quarter, the Crusaders staged an incredible comeback, as reserve guard Dante' Butler scored the game's final points with 31.7 seconds remaining on the clock; and

WHEREAS, senior standout Pat Swilling, Jr., who received Most Valuable Player honors for the championship game, followed Butler with a steal in the final eight seconds of the game to secure the championship win; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders have made nine Top 28 Boys Basketball Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, this season marked the eighth state basketball finals appearance and the sixth state basketball championship win for the Crusaders and the culmination of another unforgettable season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2009-2010 season and playoffs, and each of these intrepid Crusaders deserves recognition for his vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of head coach Scott Thompson as well as all of the other individuals who contribute to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2009-2010 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Crusaders, and all Brother Martin High School alumni and fans recognize the immense pride and distinguished honor that the team brings to its school, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Brother Martin High School basketball team upon winning the 2010 Class 5A state championship and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine basketball program as they celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Scott Thompson, head coach of the Brother Martin High School basketball team.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES