

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Central High School Wildcats baseball team on winning its second consecutive LHSAA Class 5A state championship.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Central High School Wildcats baseball team on winning its second
3 consecutive Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 5A state
4 championship.

5 WHEREAS, the Central High School Wildcats defeated the Sulphur High School
6 Tornadoes by a score of 4-0 on May 12, 2018, at McMurry Park in Sulphur, Louisiana, to
7 become the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Class 5A state champions
8 for the second consecutive year; and

9 WHEREAS, third baseman Dalton Aspholm and pitcher Hunter Arnold led the way
10 for the Wildcats; and

11 WHEREAS, Dalton Aspholm, the title game Most Valuable Player, had the two-RBI
12 hit that helped stake the Wildcats to a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning; and

13 WHEREAS, the sixth-seeded Sulphur Tornadoes had eight hits, compared to five for
14 the Wildcats, but pitcher Hunter Arnold's guile and craftiness, mixed with defense and a
15 little luck, was a winning combination and he struck out four and walked two in a
16 complete-game shutout; and

17 WHEREAS, in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Tornadoes were primed to score
18 when a throw bounced past Dalton Aspholm at third base but it bounced right back to him

1 off the fence allowing him to throw out a runner at the plate; and

2 WHEREAS, Dalton Aspholm finished 1-for-3 with the two RBIs, Sam Kenerson was
3 2-for-4, and Hunter Hebert and Brant Chauvin had RBI hits for the Wildcats; and

4 WHEREAS, the complexion of the game changed when the Wildcats strung together
5 three hits to score three runs in the fourth; and

6 WHEREAS, Tornadoes pitcher Haden Parker walked R.J. Coffee, Drew Lasseigne
7 singled, and two runners advanced on a passed ball before Dalton Aspholm slapped a single
8 to left field that scored Coffee and courtesy runner Andrew Cangelosi; and

9 WHEREAS, Dalton Aspholm took second on the throw and then scored on a single
10 by Brant Chauvin to make it 3-0, with Hunter Hebert adding an RBI hit in the seventh to
11 clinch the title; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of the talented Wildcats squad, Quint Guerin, Gabe
13 Baggett, Connor Cassels, Hunter Edwards, Brant Husser, Travis Dowden, Hunter Hebert,
14 Hunter Arnold, Drew Lasseigne, Sam Kenerson, Brody Knapps, Brant Chauvin, Carson
15 Balthazar, Eddie Pezant, Andrew Myrick, Nick Noble, Gabe Patterson, Todd Lasseigne, R.J.
16 Coffee, Andrew Cangelosi, Dalton Aspholm, Max Bryant, Brady Ellis, Tyler Furr, Connor
17 Delaune, Parker Austin, Brodie Demoulin, and Josh Williams, merit recognition and
18 congratulations for their extraordinary performance and their competitive spirit throughout
19 the season and the tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of athletic
21 excellence throughout the tournament and each of them deserves recognition for their vital
22 contribution to the winning effort; and

23 WHEREAS, Head Coach Mike Forbes, and assistant coaches, Brian Brown, Mike
24 Palermo, Ricky Creel, Antonio Ragusa, Hunter Edgens, Frank Fresina, and Clay Polk
25 instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills
26 needed to produce winners both on and off the field; and

27 WHEREAS, the Central High School Wildcats baseball team is recognized for the
28 well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and showcasing the extraordinary
29 athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of high school
30 competition.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 express its sincere congratulations to the Central High School Wildcats baseball team and
3 their coaches for winning the LHSAA Class 5A state championship and for the
4 sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for Central High
5 School, the city of Central, and the state of Louisiana.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 principal of Central High School.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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