



1           WHEREAS, Head coach D-D Breaux was named SEC Coach of the Year for guiding  
2 the Tigers to 20-1 record overall and perfect 7-0 mark in league meets and leading the squad  
3 to a historic sweep of the league's regular season and tournament championships; and

4           WHEREAS, Ashleigh Gnat was named the Southeastern Conference specialist of the  
5 year, the second consecutive season Gnat has been so honored; and

6           WHEREAS, for their performance at the SEC Tournament, Gnat, Kelley on floor,  
7 Hambrick on vault and bars, Priessman on bars, and freshman Ruby Harrold on vault earned  
8 All-SEC honors for a new school record and Harrold and Edney were also named to the  
9 All-SEC freshman team after their performances on vault and beam respectively; and

10          WHEREAS, at the NCAA Regional, the team totaled a 197.450 to finish first to  
11 secure a spot in the 2017 NCAA Championship, posting the highest team score at a Regional  
12 held away from Baton Rouge in school history winning 16th title for the program and the  
13 fifth straight; and

14          WHEREAS, LSU gymnasts captured four of five titles as Sarah Finnegan totaled a  
15 39.475 in the all-around and won bars with a 9.95, Kennedy Edney posted a 9.925 on vault  
16 for the outright title, and Ashleigh Gnat also scored a 9.95 on floor for the victory; and

17          WHEREAS, in the semifinal NCAA Championship competition, LSU posted a  
18 198.275 for the highest score ever by any team at an NCAA Championship to secure a spot  
19 in the program's sixth Super Six in school history; and

20          WHEREAS, three gymnasts won individual national championships for the most at  
21 a single meet in school history - Gnat captured the floor title with a 9.9675, Finnegan took  
22 home the first bars national championship in school history after posting a 9.95 in the fifth  
23 spot of the lineup; and Edney captured the vault title outright for a 9.9875 and a new career  
24 high and became the first freshman in school history to win a national championship with  
25 the outright title win setting the highest score by an LSU gymnast ever at an NCAA  
26 Championship; and

27          WHEREAS, at the NCAA Championship finals the Tigers closed out a historic  
28 season with a furious comeback to finish second at the NCAA Championships with a team  
29 score of 197.7375 for the second-highest score at an NCAA meet in school history; and

30          WHEREAS, down by .150 heading into the final rotation, the Tigers' beam squad

1 posted an incredible score of 49.725 to roar back into second place; the beam score tied for  
2 the best in school history and the best for any team ever at an NCAA Championship; and

3 WHEREAS, in her final performance as a Tiger, Ashleigh Gnat hit beam for a 9.975  
4 to capture second place as Sarah Finnegan also scored 9.975 with the pair's scores marking  
5 the best at an NCAA Championship on the event in school history; and

6 WHEREAS, Finnegan ended with a 39.625 in the all-around to tie Susan Jackson for  
7 the best performance at an NCAA Championship in school history; and

8 WHEREAS, fourteen Tigers claimed All-America honors for the most in a single  
9 year in school history - Finnegan (bars, beam, floor, and all-around); Gnat (beam, floor, and  
10 vault); Hambrick (beam, floor, and all-around); Edney (vault); Ewing (vault); Priessman  
11 (bars); and Kelley (floor); and

12 WHEREAS, Ashleigh Gnat was named 2017 AAI Award winner as the best senior  
13 gymnast in the country, the second LSU gymnast in school history to win the award; and

14 WHEREAS, the LSU Women's Gymnastics Team posted a 34-2 record overall for  
15 the most wins in a single season in school history, completed the season with a perfect (21-0)  
16 record against SEC teams for the first time in school history, and completed the historic  
17 sweep of the Southeastern Conference championships while bringing home three individual  
18 NCAA Championships; and

19 WHEREAS, LSU finished as the NCAA National Runner-Up for a second-straight  
20 season to match the best finish in school history; the Tigers posted nine scores which rank  
21 in the top-25 in school history, including the 198.275 in Semifinal II for the second-best  
22 score at an NCAA Championship ever; and

23 WHEREAS, overall, LSU was one of the most consistent teams in the country with  
24 a score of 197 or better in every single meet for a new school record and the Tigers are  
25 currently on a streak of 23-straight meets with a 197 or better, which bested the previous  
26 record of 15; and

27 WHEREAS, Head Coach D-D Breaux was named the NCGA and NACGC Coach  
28 of the Year for the second time in her career and Assistant Coaches Bob Moore and Jay  
29 Clark were also named NCGA and NACGC Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year for their  
30 efforts.

