

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATORS PRICE, BARROW AND LAMBERT AND REPRESENTATIVES
BACALA, BERTHELOT, BRASS AND SCHEXNAYDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the East Ascension High School Lady Spartans basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 5A state championship.

WHEREAS, the East Ascension High School Lady Spartans, playing in their first championship game, defeated the Natchitoches Central High School Lady Chiefs by a score of 37-32 in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 5A title game at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, with points at a premium, the Lady Spartans took advantage of the Lady Chiefs' dry spell in the third quarter to score twelve unanswered points and shifted the momentum in their favor; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Spartans' defense limited the Lady Chiefs, forcing them to shoot 24.1 percent and holding senior guard Jolie Williams to seventeen points on 6-of-25 shooting; and

WHEREAS, Lady Spartans junior guard, Tristen Washington, earned Most Outstanding Player honors after scoring fourteen points and pulling down three rebounds as the Lady Spartans separated themselves from the Lady Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the talented East Ascension High School Lady Spartans squad, Kendall Alvarez, Jacqueline Ayo, Allison Bennett, Aja Causey, Jimaya Clark, Molly Ebard, Stevie Earl, Ja'Honesty Hampton, MaKenzie Harris, Nieya Jackson, Kennedy Jessie, Diamond King, Ameyah Johnson, Sedasia LeBlanc, Mahogany Landry, Diniaa McZeal, Mikala Mitchell, Alynzia Morris, Artaysia Nicholas, Taiylor Smith, Kayla Sowell, J'Niaha Stampley, Raven Turner, Tristen Washington, and Sadie Williams, merit recognition and congratulations for their extraordinary performance and their competitive spirit throughout the season and the tournament; and

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

WHEREAS, head coach, Dennis Chandler, and assistant coaches, Dineska McZeal and Otis Williams, instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the East Ascension High School Lady Spartans basketball team is recognized for the well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and for showcasing the extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of high school competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the East Ascension High School Lady Spartans girls basketball team and their coach for the sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for East Ascension High School, the city of Gonzales, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of East Ascension High School.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES