

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize L.B. Landry-O.P. Walker College & Career Preparatory High School for its numerous achievements and to commend the Charging Buccaneers football team and boys basketball team on capturing Class 5A state championships.

WHEREAS, L.B. Landry O.P.-Walker College & Career Preparatory High School opened its doors in August 2013, unifying two of New Orleans' most storied and thriving high schools: L.B. Landry and O. Perry Walker, and operates out of the L.B. Landry Educational Complex located on the Westbank of Orleans Parish, in the Algiers community; the complex being originally built in 1938 in honor of Dr. Lord Beaconsfield Landry, a prominent African-American physician, activist, and accomplished vocalist who practiced medicine in Algiers during the early 1800s, and provided much-needed care to the Black citizenry of his community; and

WHEREAS, the school has as its mission that in order to provide students with the skills and values necessary for success in the 21st century, the school will provide age appropriate opportunities for students to expand their conceptual understanding, acquire critical thinking and problem solving skills, and develop positive habits of mind towards academics, service and comprehensive health which mission is carried out under the leadership of L.B. Landry High School alum principal Tyrone Casby, who provides unwavering support to the Charging Buccaneer students, staff, parents, leadership, and school community to ensure that the school maintains its place as a beacon for preparing students for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Charging Bucs football team, which posted a 13-2 record, was led by head coach Emanuel Powell, and assistant coach Tarence Davis, and quarterback Keytaon Thompson who was outstanding in the state title game with West Monroe (12-2-1) in which Landry-Walker won by a score of 50-21 in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome where Thompson finished with 154 yards rushing and a touchdown to go along with 303 yards and five touchdowns through the air, garnering the school's first championship in football; and

WHEREAS, while playing only four home games all season, the boys basketball team ended the regular season with nine straight wins and despite being seeded 22nd, Landry-Walker won all but two playoff games in double digits and captured the 2017 Class 5A championship over number nine Bonnebel by a score of 59-48 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, posting a 22-12 record, breaking the record for the lowest seed ever to win a Louisiana state basketball championship, the third championship in the last four years for the Charging Bucs basketball team under the leadership of coach Brian Gibson who was named the New Orleans Times-Picayune All Metro Coach of the Year and the Louisiana state 5A Coach of the Year, and sophomore Dy'Wan Griffin was named the Most Outstanding Player scoring twenty-four points in the title contest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize L.B. Landry-O.P. Walker College & Career Preparatory High School for its numerous achievements and does commend the Charging Buccaneers football team and boys basketball team on capturing Class 5A state championships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Tyrone Casby, principal of Landry-Walker High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE