

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY SENATORS RISER, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the University of Louisiana at Monroe baseball team upon receipt of its first championship in the Sun Belt Conference.

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Monroe Warhawks baseball team defeated the Arkansas State University Red Wolves by a score of 4-2 in the Sun Belt Conference championship game on Sunday, May 27, 2012, at Bowling Green Ballpark; and

WHEREAS, ULM's pitcher, Wil Browning, went 2-0, picked up the save in the last game, and was named Most Outstanding Player, while Caleb Clowers and Judd Edwards were honored with placement on the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, infielder Jeremy Sy was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year for 2012 with three home runs, eleven doubles, and three triples during conference play, and a .388 batting average; and

WHEREAS, the 31-28 record won for the Warhawks its first Sun Belt Conference championship and earned a No. 4 seed for the team to compete in the regional tournament in Baton Rouge on the hard-fought road to the NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, head coach, Jeff Schexnaider, a ULM alumnus and former baseball player, and his staff of assistant coaches, Justin Hill, Jim Rushworth, Cory Barton, and Phi Keifenheim, have provided invaluable leadership to this extraordinary team of talented young men; and

WHEREAS, this historic and thrilling victory marks ULM's first ever Sun Belt Conference championship and its fifth appearance in the NCAA regional playoffs; and

WHEREAS, ULM's victory in the Sun Belt Conference championship upholds the glorious traditions of Warhawks baseball, and all ULM alumni and fans recognize with immense pride the distinguished honor that this exemplary team brings to the university and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of the University of

Louisiana at Monroe baseball team for an outstanding winning season and for its Sun Belt Conference victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes to the team for continued success in the NCAA regional playoffs and in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to ULM baseball head coach, Jeff Schexnaider.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE