

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the St. Charles Catholic Comets football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division III Select state championship.

WHEREAS, the defending state champion and second-seeded Comets rolled into the Superdome on December 9, 2022, to face a familiar foe in the fourth-seeded Dunham Tigers from Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, for the past two seasons, the Comets defeated the Tigers in the quarterfinals; and

WHEREAS, it was in this championship game that the Tigers were seeking to avenge their previous season-ending losses to the Comets and jumped out to an early lead; and

WHEREAS, in a fierce, back-and-forth matchup, the Comets answered with a twenty-three yard run by Davon Stirgus to tie the game at seven apiece; and

WHEREAS, Dunham immediately answered with another touchdown and the first quarter ended with the Comets down by seven points; and

WHEREAS, in the second quarter, the defenses for both teams dug in, but the Comets managed to score on a Samare Scott touchdown run, with the score deadlocked at fourteen at the end of the first half; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers exploded for two touchdowns in the third quarter, while the Comets only managed a Tyler Milioto field goal, setting up their epic fourth quarter comeback; and

WHEREAS, with the Tigers leading 28-17 going into the fourth quarter, the Comets rallied with a two-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Ayden Authement to Jackson Monica, followed by a successful two-point conversion pass from Authement to Brandon Kragle to cut Dunham's lead to three; and

WHEREAS, second-year head coach Wayne Stein made the gutsy call for an onside kick that the Comets recovered to continue their frantic comeback; and

WHEREAS, faced with a fourth down and one yard to go situation, deep in the Tigers' territory, Coach Stein made the call by going for it with Authement rolling and twisting two yards for the first down at the Dunham seventeen yard line; and

WHEREAS, in a third-and-goal situation, Authement took the ball into the end zone for the Comets' first lead of the game, with less than six minutes to go; and

WHEREAS, Dunham marched down the field and completed several third- and fourth-down situations, but the Comets' defense proved to be impenetrable as Dunham could not convert four consecutive passes to the end zone, and the Comets took over possession with four seconds remaining, just in time for the victory formation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wayne Stein has two championships in his two years as the Comets' head coach after replacing legendary Coach Frank Monica.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the St. Charles Catholic Comets football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division III Select state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Comets' head coach, Wayne Stein.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE