

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Xavier University of Louisiana 2016 men's tennis team on becoming the first XU team in any sport to reach the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship finals and Coach Alan Green as ITA/NAIA National Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, XU men's tennis team, known as the Gold Rush, finished as the 2016 national tournament's runner-up and finished No. 2 in the postseason coaches poll; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Gold Rush roster included: Adam Albrecht, Manav Chakma, Kevin Chaouat, Tushar Mandlekar, Kyle Montrel, Karan Salwan, and Thomas Setodji; and

WHEREAS, XU fierce competition has produced three first team selections on the 2016 NAIA Men's Tennis All-America Team, namely Kyle Montrel, Karan Salwan, and Thomas Setodji; and

WHEREAS, XU Gold Rush's 2016 record is seventeen wins and eight losses; and

WHEREAS, XU has a school record of five victories against NCAA Division I opponents and eight wins and zero losses against NAIA opponents; and

WHEREAS, XU has a current streak of seventy-seven consecutive appearances in the NAIA top twenty-five coaches poll, with the streak beginning April 4, 2007, and forty-seven consecutive top ten rankings; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of XU men's tennis head coach Alan Green; and

WHEREAS, Alan Green's coaching skills have been noticed and recognized on the national level, resulting in his being selected to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as the NAIA 2016 Men's National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, XU's entire men's tennis team (coach and members), having displayed excellent sportsmanship, has brought a tremendous sense of honor and pride to the university, state and community, and deserves recognition for their outstanding performance all season, culminating in their performance at the 2016 NAIA Men's Tennis National Championship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Xavier University of Louisiana 2016 men's tennis team on becoming the first XU team in any sport to reach a NAIA championship final and does hereby congratulate coach Alan Green on being selected ITA/NAIA 2016 Men's National Coach of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Alan Green at Xavier University of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE