

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the DeRidder High School girls' softball team on winning the 2018 LHSAA Division 4A state championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the DeRidder High School girls' softball team on winning the 2018 Louisiana
3 High School Athletic Association Division 4A state championship.

4 WHEREAS, the power pitching of DeRidder senior Lauren Parson and the defense
5 and speed on the bases for the DeRidder Lady Dragons carried them to the 2018 State
6 Softball Title in Class 4A with a 5-1 victory over Morgan City at Frasch Park in Sulphur on
7 April 28th; and

8 WHEREAS, the LSU-Eunice bound Parson struck out 22 batters in three games as
9 DeRidder beat Belle Chase in the Quarter-Finals 3-0 then hit North DeSoto for four runs in
10 extra innings to win 8-4 in the Semi-Finals before Parson struck out 13 in the 5-1 title game
11 win over Morgan City and was named MVP of the tournament in Class 4A; and

12 WHEREAS, the title is the first state championship for DeRidder as the school lost
13 in the semifinals last season and last reached the final in 1983; and

14 WHEREAS, the Lady Dragons never trailed in the title contest, taking a 1-0 lead in
15 the first inning when leadoff hitter Kailey Lafrere walked, stole second and third, then scored
16 on a wild pitch; Laela Quinones' bunt single drove in Brianna Lejeune and Brooklyn Gren
17 in the fourth, Quinones later scoring on an error, and Lafrere blasted a homer to center in the
18 seventh; and

1 WHEREAS, the scores were more than enough support for Parson, who allowed a
2 harmless run in the sixth and held Morgan City to three hits; and

3 WHEREAS, all of the athletes including Hadley Allen, Rayann Bomboy, Chloe
4 Bruce, Brianna Burnette, Taylor Cobb, Briona Crockett, Kynadee Delome, Brooklyn Green,
5 Kyleigh Hoskey, Jocelyn Irvine, Aubrey Joslin, Matilyn Kern, Kailey LeFrere, Brianne
6 LeJeune, Carmen Major, Lauren Parson, Laela Quinones, Bailey Rector, Kaiya Scott, Leah
7 Spears, and Khalia Thompkins performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the
8 2018 season for DeRidder High School, and these talented Lady Dragons deserve
9 recognition for their individual contributions posting a 26-10 season record; and

10 WHEREAS, without the unwavering dedication, support, and guidance of Head
11 Coach Todd Schulz, assistant coaches CT Keily and Brian Parson, managers Abbie Reviel
12 and Julianna Bowman, and the passion of the Lady Dragon supporters, the heights of success
13 reached in the 2018 season would not have been possible; and

14 WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2018 run by the Lady Dragons culminated in the
15 phenomenal achievement of its first state championship and all alumni and fans recognize
16 the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to DeRidder High School students,
17 faculty, staff, parents, and supporters.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby commend the DeRidder High School girls' softball team on winning the 2018
20 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division 4A state championship; does hereby
21 record for posterity the team's exceptional playoff run and title triumph in the great sport of
22 softball; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved
23 with this fine athletic program as they celebrate their championship season and prepare for
24 continued success in the future.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head
26 Coach Todd Schulz.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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