

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATORS CLAITOR AND WARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team on winning its second consecutive Division III state championship title.

WHEREAS, during the 1977-1978 school year, Coach Phil Bode began training the first Brusly High School wrestling team by placing horsehair mats on the ground near the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bode purchased the first wrestling mat for Brusly High School with his own money; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-six years, Brusly High School has enjoyed a rich tradition of producing one hundred seven individual state champions and twelve team titles; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 school year, the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team earned the Division III championship title for the second consecutive year and claimed its ninth state title in ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers distinguished themselves from the rest of the field by leading by as much as forty points and finishing the meet with a two-day total of two hundred twenty-two points; and

WHEREAS, teammates Wyatt Lejeune and Trevor Schermer were named state champions and Baret Sanchez and Koby Mancuso were named state runners-up; and

WHEREAS, the members of the wrestling team performed at the highest level of athletic excellence throughout the season and each of them deserves recognition for their vital contributions to the Panthers' winning effort; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Bible, Sutherland and Wilson instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team has earned well-deserved accolades throughout the season for the extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of high school competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the Brusly High School Panthers wrestling team and coaches on an impressive and memorable winning season, and on capturing two consecutive Division III state championship titles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Brusly High School, Walter Lemoine.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE