

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University football team on culminating an outstanding season by capturing the 2011 SEC Championship and earning a No. 2 national ranking.

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the 2011 football season, it is appropriate that the achievements of LSU head coach Les Miles and his team be commended and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, Coach Miles and his team took on the best that college football could offer and brought home an outstanding 13-1 record, while garnering the Southeastern Conference championship; and

WHEREAS, in the season's opening game versus the No. 3 ranked University of Oregon, the No. 4 ranked Tigers throttled the Ducks 40-27 in a game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, where LSU had outstanding performances on offense, defense, and special teams; in the first home game of the season, LSU defeated Northwestern State University 49-3; the Tigers earned a 19-6 victory over Mississippi State in Starkville, with a suffocating defense that allowed only 193 yards and had 15 tackles for loss; making the program's first trip to Morgantown, West Virginia, LSU defeated the sixteenth ranked West Virginia Mountaineers 47-21, ignited by a 99-yard kickoff return by Morris Claiborne; at home in Death Valley, the Tigers defeated Kentucky 35-7, highlighted by Tyrann Mathieu's sack, strip, scoop, and score; before a home crowd of 93,022, the Tigers defeated the Florida Gators 41-11, posting its largest victory over Florida since 1971; in Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee, LSU scored its largest ever win over the Volunteers with a score of 38-7; behind a strong offensive performance by Rueben Randle, the Tigers defeated the nationally ranked Auburn Tigers 45-10; in an epic matchup of No. 1 versus No. 2, the top ranked Fighting Tigers, behind Drew Alleman's three clutch field goals, including the game winner in overtime, defeated the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa; LSU became 10-0 for the first time since 1958 with a 42-9 homecoming victory over Western Kentucky; with a running game racking up 353 yards and four touchdowns and a defense producing two

touchdowns of their own, LSU beat Ole Miss 52-3 in Oxford; in a battle to determine the Southeastern Conference Western Division champion, No. 1 LSU defeated the No. 3 ranked Arkansas Razorbacks at Tiger Stadium 41-17 and earned a trip to Atlanta's Georgia Dome to play in the Southeastern Conference Championship game with a regular season record of 12-0; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers met the Eastern Division champion, the University of Georgia Bulldogs, in the 2011 Southeastern Conference Championship game, and behind the spectacular play of the game's most valuable player, Tyrann Mathieu, LSU overcame a sluggish first half and defeated the Bulldogs 42-10 for LSU's eleventh league title and a spot in the 2011 BCS National Championship game; and

WHEREAS, with a lineup of five All-Americans, a crushing defense, a smash-mouth offense, and game-changing special teams, under the leadership of the Associated Press National Coach of the Year, Les Miles, and Broyles Award winner, John Chavis, LSU went undefeated in its regular season schedule; and

WHEREAS, LSU football's outstanding accomplishments bring immense pride and distinguished honor to the state of Louisiana, Louisiana State University, and all persons who associate with the Purple and Gold.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University football team on an outstanding season by capturing the 2011 SEC Championship and earning a national ranking of No. 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Louisiana State University Head Football Coach Les Miles.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE