

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Central High School Lady Wildcats softball team on winning the Class 5A girls' state softball championship.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana have learned that the Central High School Lady Wildcats softball team won the 2017 Class 5A girls' state softball championship in a season in which the team hit twenty-one home runs; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Wildcats posted an overall 27-6 record with wins over several eventual state champions in other divisions, including Parkview Baptist, Mount Carmel, and North Vermilion, as well as victories over eventual state runners-up Maurepas, Brusly, and Riverside; and

WHEREAS, almost every team the Lady Wildcats defeated was ranked in the top 20 in their respective classification and of the team's six losses, the team played four of them a second time and won each contest; and

WHEREAS, Central won its first District 4-5A championship, shared with Live Oak, with a 7-1 district record; and

WHEREAS, the title was the first for Central High School in Class 5A and the first state title in twenty-one years in softball; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Wildcats defeated the number three team in the nation and the number one seed in the state, Alexandria Senior High, in the semifinals 8-5 with a grand slam home run by first basemen Kamryn Jordan, after losing to the team 21-1 earlier in the season; and

WHEREAS, Central also defeated the number four team in the country and the number two seed in Louisiana, Ouachita, in the state finals 3-1 after having lost to them 11-1 during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the season, over one-half of the team member's homes flooded, all but two coaches flooded, everyone on the team was either displaced or had someone staying with them, and the locker room was the only building at the high school to flood; and

WHEREAS, the team is comprised of five seniors, eight juniors, three sophomores, and five freshmen on the varsity and a total of twenty-eight in the program; and

WHEREAS, Lady Wildcat players Bobbie Amond, Nicki Bourgeois, Kylie Chauvin, Hanna Cowart, Emily Danehower, Alyssa Habig, Savannah Hupp, Bailie Johnson, Kamryn Jordan, Taliyah Joseph, Ashlyn Lord, Mallory Marcotte, Aly Pourciau, Krystal Stubbs, Brooklyn Wascom, Maci Werchen, Destinee White, Raegan Willis, Heather Zumo, and Heidi Zumo all contributed to the championship season; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished team performance of the entire Central High School Lady Wildcats softball team throughout the regular season and the postseason has earned them the Class 5A championship title; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of head coach, Michelle Efferson, and assistant coaches David Dykes, Len Devall, Amy Knecht Rawlins, and Sara Hunt, as well as all of the other individuals who have contributed to the success of the Lady Wildcats softball program; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate wish to recognize each of the coaches, managers, and the extraordinary Lady Wildcats team members on their much deserved championship title which was earned through teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport of softball.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of the Central High School Lady Wildcats softball team on an outstanding and memorable season, and on capturing the state Class 5A championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Central High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE