

12016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the St. Thomas More High School Soccer Team and Head Coach Casey Friend on winning the Division II State Championship for the 2015-2016 season.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the 2015-2016 St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team and Head Coach Casey Friend upon their Division II state championship win.

WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team completed a sensational season, earning the title of 2015-2016 Division II state champions after defeating Holy Cross High School, the 6-seeded team, by a score of one to zero, to win a thrilling state championship game at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this historic victory was the second Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division II state title for a St. Thomas More Cougars boys soccer team since the first victory fifteen years ago in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the state championship win was the culmination of an unforgettable season of nineteen wins, six losses, and six ties (19-6-6) and a district record of 2-0-1; and

WHEREAS, Coach Casey Friend was named "Coach of the Year" for Division II District 3 and John Cook, Miles Hesterly, Will Labar, and Casey Friend were all named the Best Coaching Staff in the State; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff and all the members of the 2015-2016 team performed at a superb level of excellence throughout the entire season and into the playoffs,

1 and each of these great athletes and staff deserves recognition for their vital contribution to
2 the winning effort of the state championship title; and

3 WHEREAS, this distinguished team of champions includes Justin Guidry, Landon
4 Sellers, Ormond LaSalle, Joseph Oliver, Blake Bolgiano, Connor Latiolais, Josh Toomey,
5 Blake St. Cyr, Jack Meijer, Christian Qawami, Ethan Trahan, Quentin Olivier, Nathan
6 Ratzlaff, Parker Pelletier, Josh Ardoin, Grant Rodrigue, Ronny Rodriguez, Andre Picard,
7 Grant Ortego, Michael Fatjo, and Evan Wimberley; and

8 WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team is
9 composed of numerous talented players who garnered extraordinary division distinctions
10 such as Ronny Rodriguez as the Overall and State Championship Most Valuable Player,
11 three young men were chosen as First Team All State, Blake Bolgiano, Jack Meijer and
12 Ronny Rodriguez; also included are those members named to the First Team All District,
13 Blake Bolgiano, Ronny Rodriguez, Nathan Ratzlaff, Ormond LaSalle, Jack Meijer, Connor
14 Latiolais; along with Second Team All District members, Josh Toomey, Andre Picard, Grant
15 Rodrigue, Parker Pelletier, Landon Sellers, and Michael Fatjo; and

16 WHEREAS, all the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team
17 contributed to the unsurpassed team unity and trust that propelled this winning team on to
18 earning the 2015-2016 state championship title; and

19 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
20 without the guidance and skill of Head Coach Casey Friend, and the best assistant coaching
21 staff in the state, consisting of John Cook, Miles Hesterly, and Will Labar, along with the
22 supportive faculty, boosters, and family members who all contributed their time and effort
23 to the success of the school's superior soccer program; and

24 WHEREAS, the alumni and fans of St. Thomas More High School recognize the
25 immense pride and distinguished honor that the boys soccer team brings to its school,
26 community, and state.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend and congratulate the St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team upon
29 winning the 2015-2016 Division II state championship and does hereby extend best wishes
30 to the players, coaches, and all who are involved in this fine athletics program as they

1 celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued growth and success in the
2 future.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to St.
4 Thomas More High School boys Head Soccer Coach Casey Friend.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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