

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, the coaching staff and all the members of the 2015-2016 team
18 performed at a superb level of excellence throughout the entire season and into the playoffs,
19 and each of these great athletes and staff deserves recognition for their vital contribution to
20 the winning effort of the state championship title; and

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

26 WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team is
27 composed of numerous talented players who garnered extraordinary division distinctions

1 such as Ronny Rodriguez as the Overall and State Championship Most Valuable Player,
2 three young men were chosen as First Team All State, Blake Bolgiano, Jack Meijer and
3 Ronny Rodriguez; also included are those members named to the First Team All District,
4 Blake Bolgiano, Ronny Rodriguez, Nathan Ratzlaff, Ormond LaSalle, Jack Meijer, Connor
5 Latiolais; along with Second Team All District members, Josh Toomey, Andre Picard, Grant
6 Rodrigue, Parker Pelletier, Landon Sellers, and Michael Fatjo; and

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

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

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

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 commend and congratulate the St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team upon
20 winning the 2015-2016 Division II state championship and does hereby extend best wishes
21 to the players, coaches, and all who are involved in this fine athletics program as they
22 celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued growth and success in the
23 future.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES