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2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the coaches, gymnasts, and staff of the LSU Women's Gymnastics team for a record-setting season.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend and congratulate the coaches, gymnasts, and staff of the LSU Women's 3 Gymnastics Team for a record-setting season. WHEREAS, the LSU Women's Gymnastics Team posted an outstanding regular 4 5 season winning the inaugural SEC regular season championship, but the best was yet to 6 come; and WHEREAS, at the 2017 Southeastern Conference Championship, the Tigers posted 8 a team score of 198.075, the fourth-highest score in school history and the third-highest in 9 SEC Championship meet history, to claim the title; and 10 WHEREAS, LSU claimed five SEC event championships to tie the school record as 11 senior Ashleigh Gnat earned titles on vault, beam, and floor, sophomore Lexie Priessman won the individual title on bars, and fellow sophomore McKenna Kelley also earned a share 12 13 of the floor title for the Tigers; and 14 WHEREAS, seven members of the team totaled 11(NACGC/W) Regular Season All-America honors to set a new school record - Gnat on vault, floor, and beam; junior Myia 15 16 Hambrick in the all-around and on vault and floor; freshman Kennedi Edney and Sydney 17 Ewing on vault; sophomore Sarah Finnegan on beam; McKenna Kelly as SEC floor exercise 18 champion; and Lexie Priessman an SEC champion on the uneven bars; and

1	WHEREAS, Head coach D-D Breaux was named SEC Coach of the Year for guiding
2	the Tigers to 20-1 record overall and perfect 7-0 mark in league meets and leading the squad
3	to a historic sweep of the league's regular season and tournament championships; and
4	WHEREAS, Ashleigh Gnat was named the Southeastern Conference specialist of the
5	year, the second consecutive season Gnat has been so honored; and
6	WHEREAS, for their performance at the SEC Tournament, Gnat, Kelley on floor,
7	Hambrick on vault and bars, Priessman on bars, and freshman Ruby Harrold on vault earned
8	All-SEC honors for a new school record and Harrold and Edney were also named to the
9	All-SEC freshman team after their performances on vault and beam respectively; and
10	WHEREAS, at the NCAA Regional, the team totaled a 197.450 to finish first to
11	secure a spot in the 2017 NCAA Championship, posting the highest team score at a Regional
12	held away from Baton Rouge in school history winning 16th title for the program and the
13	fifth straight; and
14	WHEREAS, LSU gymnasts captured four of five titles as Sarah Finnegan totaled a
15	39.475 in the all-around and won bars with a 9.95, Kennedi Edney posted a 9.925 on vault
16	for the outright title, and Ashleigh Gnat also scored a 9.95 on floor for the victory; and
17	WHEREAS, in the semifinal NCAA Championship competition, LSU posted a
18	198.275 for the highest score ever by any team at an NCAA Championship to secure a spot
19	in the program's sixth Super Six in school history; and
20	WHEREAS, three gymnasts won individual national championships for the most at
21	a single meet in school history - Gnat captured the floor title with a 9.9675, Finnegan took
22	home the first bars national championship in school history after posting a 9.95 in the fifth
23	spot of the lineup; and Edney captured the vault title outright for a 9.9875 and a new career
24	high and became the first freshman in school history to win a national championship with
25	the outright title win setting the highest score by an LSU gymnast ever at an NCAA
26	Championship; and
27	WHEREAS, at the NCAA Championship finals the Tigers closed out a historic
28	season with a furious comeback to finish second at the NCAA Championships with a team
29	score of 197.7375 for the second-highest score at an NCAA meet in school history; and
30	WHEREAS, down by .150 heading into the final rotation, the Tigers' beam squad

1 posted an incredible score of 49.725 to roar back into second place; the beam score tied for 2 the best in school history and the best for any team ever at an NCAA Championship; and 3 WHEREAS, in her final performance as a Tiger, Ashleigh Gnat hit beam for a 9.975 4 to capture second place as Sarah Finnegan also scored 9.975 with the pair's scores marking 5 the best at an NCAA Championship on the event in school history; and 6 WHEREAS, Finnegan ended with a 39.625 in the all-around to tie Susan Jackson for 7 the best performance at an NCAA Championship in school history; and 8 WHEREAS, fourteen Tigers claimed All-America honors for the most in a single 9 year in school history - Finnegan (bars, beam, floor, and all-around); Gnat (beam, floor, and 10 vault); Hambrick (beam, floor, and all-around); Edney (vault); Ewing (vault); Priessman 11 (bars); and Kelley (floor); and 12 WHEREAS, Ashleigh Gnat was named 2017 AAI Award winner as the best senior 13 gymnast in the country, the second LSU gymnast in school history to win the award; and 14 WHEREAS, the LSU Women's Gymnastics Team posted a 34-2 record overall for 15 the most wins in a single season in school history, completed the season with a perfect (21-0) 16 record against SEC teams for the first time in school history, and completed the historic sweep of the Southeastern Conference championships while bringing home three individual 17 18 NCAA Championships; and 19 WHEREAS, LSU finished as the NCAA National Runner-Up for a second-straight 20 season to match the best finish in school history; the Tigers posted nine scores which rank 21 in the top-25 in school history, including the 198.275 in Semifinal II for the second-best 22 score at an NCAA Championship ever; and WHEREAS, overall, LSU was one of the most consistent teams in the country with 23 24 a score of 197 or better in every single meet for a new school record and the Tigers are currently on a streak of 23-straight meets with a 197 or better, which bested the previous 25 record of 15; and 26 27 WHEREAS, Head Coach D-D Breaux was named the NCGA and NACGC Coach of the Year for the second time in her career and Assistant Coaches Bob Moore and Jay 28 29 Clark were also named NCGA and NACGC Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year for their

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efforts.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that the coaches, gymnasts, and staff of the LSU Women's Gymnastics Team are hereby commended and congratulated upon a record-setting season winning the Southeastern Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships and finishing second in the national championship Super Six for the second consecutive year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach D-D Breaux.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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