

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Coach Angi Butler of Destrehan High School on being named girls basketball Coach of the Year.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Head Coach Angi Butler of Destrehan High School on being named the 2016-
3 2017 Coach of the Year for girls basketball by the Louisiana Sports Writers
4 Association and by *USA-Today* and to congratulate her on twenty years of coaching
5 excellence.

6 WHEREAS, with five consecutive District 7-5A championships and a 120-8 win-loss
7 record, Coach Angi Butler and the Destrehan High School LadyCats completed a sensational
8 "perfect" season of 35-0, then advanced through the playoffs to win the 2017 Allstate Sugar
9 Bowl/LHSAA Class 5A girls basketball championship, the first ever state title for female
10 athletics in DHS history; and

11 WHEREAS, Angi Butler deferred the credit for her honors to her extraordinary team,
12 school administrators, and assistant coaches, Meagan Stock and Joanna Welch; and

13 WHEREAS, during the tournament on March 4, 2017, number three seed Destrehan
14 LadyCats defeated number one seed Barbe High School Lady Buccaneers of Lake Charles
15 by a score of 62-57; and

16 WHEREAS, this win was the culmination of a magnificent season and was also the
17 final game for Butler as coach; she leaves coaching after seven seasons at DHS to undertake
18 a position as a school administrator and advance her teaching career; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Butler has compiled an impressive record during her twenty year
2 career of coaching and teaching and now steps away from basketball to focus on classroom
3 administration; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Butler has progressed to become a full-time coordinator of staff
5 development, a position that empowers her to organize professional growth for teachers and
6 staff at DHS; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1996, Coach Butler earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and
8 a minor in health education from Texas Tech University and acquired a master's degree in
9 educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 school year, she was honored as Teacher of the
11 Year at Destrehan High School and was also named St. Charles Parish High School Teacher
12 of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins
14 championships" is the motto that Coach Angi Butler has instilled in these exceptional
15 athletes; this winning attitude propelled these young women to become prolific basketball
16 players, accomplished academics, and outstanding members of the community who strived
17 to capture the 2017 Class 5A title with a singular team mantra, "Finish"; and

18 WHEREAS, the 2017 winning team was filled with phenomenal stars on the court,
19 that included Cara "Moon" Ursin, team captain; Kyrsten "Kiki" Kenner, Kali Mealey, Daja
20 Sanchez, Brandi Mason, Jerlicia "Lele" Morris, Korriana Reynaud, Kayla Davis, Sierra
21 Samuels, Darielle Richard, Gia Zeringue, Aja Graham, Britney Lipps, Destiny Dupre, and
22 Marshay Stevenson; and

23 WHEREAS, maintaining a perfect season record is quite a rare achievement; Coach
24 Butler and the LadyCats possessed an exceptional synergy for the game and a teamwork
25 ethic to finish the 2016-2017 season ranked No. 16 in the nation by Maxpreps.com and one
26 of only ten high school girls basketball teams in the nation to remain unbeaten for the
27 season; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Angi Butler was proud to be named Coach of the Year by the
29 Louisiana Sports Writers Association; and

30 WHEREAS, Coach Butler was also named Coach of the Year for the American

