

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Madison Preparatory Academy girls' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 2A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Madison Preparatory Academy girls' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 2A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Preparatory Academy Lady Chargers basketball team completed an unforgettable season by earning the title of 2017 Class 2A state champions after securing a decisive fifty-six to thirty-nine victory over the Rayville High School Lady Hornets; and

WHEREAS, the thrilling victory marks the first Class 2A state basketball championship for the school and erases the bitter taste of a state runner-up finish in the 2016 state championship game; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2016-2017 regular season and playoffs, amassing a record of twenty-six wins and five losses; and

WHEREAS, the team's amazing feats could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, and guidance of head coach Dwayne Hayes and his coaching staff, as well as the passion of the many supporters of the Lady Chargers who contributed to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Chargers' extraordinary season led to players being selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association as Class 2A All-State Players, with Sherry Porter receiving a first-team selection, Dezmonique Gaines receiving an honorable mention selection, and head coach Dwayne Hayes being selected Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the accolades continued with Dezmonique Gaines, Kennedi Green, Ma'kayla Marshall, and Tarneisha Young being named to the 2017 All-District 7-2A girls' basketball team, Sherry Porter being selected Most Valuable Player, Ma'Kayla Marshall and Faith Avery being selected Co-Defensive Most Valuable Players, and Coach Dwayne Hayes being selected Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, all alumni and fans recognize the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to Madison Preparatory Academy, East Baton Rouge Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Madison Preparatory Academy girls' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 2A state championship; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the great sport of basketball; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with their fine basketball program as they celebrate this championship season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Madison Preparatory Academy and head coach Dwayne Hayes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES