

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATOR RISER AND REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the softball and baseball teams of LaSalle High School in Olla, Louisiana, for each winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championships in their respective sports.

WHEREAS, the young women and men comprising these 2017 teams pulled together for one season-ending remarkable team effort and made history by being the first teams from LaSalle to win state championships in the same academic year; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers softball team approached at the 2017 Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship tournament with only one purpose which was to return to Olla with the championship title, the culmination of a season-long focus on this goal; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, with their fellow students and teachers lining the sidewalk cheering them on, the Lady Tigers began their trip to the tournament held at Frasch Park in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers entered the state championship ranked number one, as the games began, and they failed to disappoint, beating D'Arbonne Woods Charter School 15 to 0 on Thursday, April 27, 2017, defeating the South Cameron High School team 16 to 0 in the semifinals, and battling past Oak Grove High School by a score of 6 to 2 to Saturday evening to win the state championship title, the first for LaSalle High School softball since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 LaSalle Lady Tigers team members are Taylor Snow, Carlie Prudhomme, Ali Long, Kinsey Long, Sidni Laird, Savannah Floyd, Kinley Hosea, AnnaBeth Pitman, Sam Floyd, Kierra Smith, Keeley Parham, Anna Clark, MariJane Skinner, Lauren Harlan, Serena Juarez, Ashley Williams, Lexi Snoddy, Amanda Hyman, and Alyssa Welch,

athletic director and head coach Derek White, and assistant coaches Todd Long and Taylor Williams; and

WHEREAS, freshman softball player, Taylor Snow, was named Louisiana High School Athletic Association Softball Tournament Class 1A outstanding player after the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 LaSalle High School baseball team also traveled to Sulphur to take part in the Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana State Athletic Association Baseball Class 1A tournament, held at McMurray Park from May 11 through 13, 2017, with their semifinal game scheduled against Oberlin High School which they won by a score of 5 to 2; and

WHEREAS, the Tiger baseball team broke a drought dating to 1951 with an 8 to 3 victory over Grand Lake High School to take the Class 1A State Championship and return home with the state title; and

WHEREAS, in the title game Hunter Sims had quality at-bats and two runs batted in and the starting pitcher, Avery Reed pitched a solid four and one third innings, racking up seven first pitch strikes to keep the opponent's batters on the defense and by racking up five of their final eight runs in the first two innings, also placing pressure on the Grand Lake team; and

WHEREAS, sophomore baseball player, Hunter Sims, was named Louisiana High School Athletic Association Baseball Tournament Class 1A outstanding player after the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Tiger baseball team members are Blade Beaubouef, Waddie Skinner, Eli Stringer, Avery Reed, Kade Bradford, Cullen Wise, Hunter Sims, Khailon Williams, Kade Hillestad, Colby McGuffee, Easton Duke, Griffin Peppers, Cade Woodward, Brock Blackwell, Ethan Woodward, Hunter Daigneault, Dillon Masters, Tyler Roshto, Ian Williams, and Brayden Lawson, and head coach Michael Lynn Duke, and assistant coaches Tim Wesson and Joel Sims; and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle High School Lady Tigers softball team and the LaSalle High School Tiger Baseball team shared in a parade in their honor held on May 19, 2017, and a public proclamation naming the week of May 15 through 19, 2017, "LHS Sweep the Diamond Week" in Olla, acknowledging the history-making efforts of both teams; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing that the teams who took the field to win their state championships contained, not only athletes, but students who took their academic achievement seriously, the 2017 softball team member Carli Prudhomme and 2017 baseball team member, Waddie Skinner were both LaSalle High School valedictorians of the Class of 2017; and

WHEREAS, several players on both teams have family ties to the 2002 state champion softball team coaches and players and to the 1951 baseball team players and coaches, providing a rich historical context for both of these 2017 teams; and

WHEREAS, with the lofty goal of winning their respective Class 1A state championships, the history-making efforts of the LaSalle High School 2017 softball and baseball teams reached that goal due to their team effort, hours of practice, and important performances in key situations propelling these young women and men to bring their school and their town a rare moment of pure joy and a celebration in which everyone could participate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the 2017 softball and baseball teams of LaSalle High School in Olla for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championships in their respective sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LaSalle High School principal, Kara Masling.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES