

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Grambling State University student athletes, coaches, athletic director, and university president for outstanding achievements during the 2018-2019 seasons.

WHEREAS, the Grambling State University Tigers women's and men's basketball teams finished the season advancing to the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) semifinals after performing at the highest levels of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Grambling State University athletic department and coaching staff demonstrated exemplary leadership earning top honors, including SWAC women's soccer Coach of the Year, Justin Wagar; Skip Professor Man of the Year finalist, Donte Jackson, for his work with men's basketball; and Coach Freddie Murray for cultivating all-conference honors students for multiple years; and

WHEREAS, Grambling State University linebacker, De'Arius Christmas, earned twenty top honors within the SWAC and nationwide, including selection as a finalist for the National Football Foundation's National Scholar Athlete and the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy, as well as SWAC All-Academic Team honors and Grambling State University Student Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Grambling State University football team members William Waddell, Jordan Jones, La'Allan Clark, De'Arius Christmas, and Marc Orozco were named to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) FCS All-American First Team; and

WHEREAS, Grambling State University women's soccer team members Haileigh Adams, Kaylee Holt, Kailey Pena, Brittany Terry, Florence David, and Jasmine Smith were named All-SWAC honors players; and Haileigh Adams, Kaylee Holt, Florence David and Kailey Pena received 2018 Louisiana Sports Writers Association All-Louisiana Women's Soccer Team honors; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary accomplishments of the Grambling Tigers could not have been achieved without the guidance and skill of the coaching staffs, Athletic Director Dr. David Pointon, and President Richard J. Gallot Jr., all of whom demonstrated the kind of leadership, vision, and motivational skills needed to produce leadership and achievement on the courts, on the fields, and in life; and

WHEREAS, the members and coaches of the Grambling State University athletic program merit a sincere measure of commendation for their remarkable athletic feats and for the honor they bring to Grambling State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the Grambling State University Tigers athletic department, Athletic Director, Dr. David Pointon, and President Richard J. Gallot Jr. for their outstanding achievements during the 2018-2019 seasons and for the tremendous pride they bring to the University of Louisiana System, Grambling State University, the community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of Grambling State University.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE