

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ascension Episcopal High School girls' tennis team on winning the 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Girls Tennis State Championship-Division IV.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the great honor earned by the Ascension Episcopal High School Blue Gators girls' tennis team from Youngsville, Louisiana, who won the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Division IV State Tennis Championship on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at ULM's Heard Stadium in Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Ascension Episcopal High School Blue Gators girls' tennis team capped a stellar 2018-2019 season, winning the state championship by earning twice as many points (13) as the team runner-up, Christ Episcopal School; and

WHEREAS, this year's path to the championship game started years ago with the Blue Gators girls' tennis team winning the regional tournament for the past six years in a row, including this year's tournament, with five undefeated seasons including this phenomenal 2019 season; they were the state runners-up in 2015; and won the state championship in 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and now again in 2019; and

WHEREAS, not only did the Blue Gators take home the team state championship trophy, junior Alyse Cormier took home the girls' state singles championship trophy for the fourth time including her seventh, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade years, Sophia Boatright and Emmie Gage were also the double champions, and Ashleigh Burgess earned the LHSAA All-Academic honor award for maintaining a 4.0 average all four years of high school; and

WHEREAS, this is the fifth state championship for seniors Catherine Anderson, Sophia Boatright, and Ashleigh Burgess, all who started competing in middle school; and

WHEREAS, seniors Catherine Anderson, Sophia Boatright, Ashleigh Burgess, Alaina Hardy, Ashlee Sandridge, and juniors Alyse Cormier and Emmie Gage, and freshman Grace Fontenot were all vital members of this extraordinary winning team and all deserve to be individually commended; and

WHEREAS, the members of this team performed at the highest levels of excellence throughout their winning season, and each Blue Gator deserves recognition and honor for her vital contribution to this winning effort; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Stacy Boatright has instilled an ethic of winning in these young athletes and has demonstrated leadership and motivational skills that have led to success both on and off the court for the team; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the well-deserved title the Blue Gators have earned; to commend the team for the ability they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of competition; and to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the team members, coaching staff, and support staff for the championship earned and the sportsmanship shown while achieving the highest state Division IV girls' tennis honor possible for Ascension Episcopal High School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ascension Episcopal High School girls' tennis team on winning the 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Girls Tennis State Championship-Division IV.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Stacey Boatright and Athletic Director Eric Mouton at Ascension Episcopal School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE