

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, BACALA, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, CHADBROWN, CARPENTER, STEVE CARTER, DAVIS, EDMONDS, FOIL, IVEY, JAMES, JORDAN, MACK, MARCELLE, SCHEXNAYDER, AND SMITH AND SENATORS ALARIO, BARROW, CLAITOR, COLOMB, ERDEY, LAMBERT, MORRELL, PRICE, RISER, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University Golden Girls on their sixtieth anniversary as a feature unit of The Golden Band from Tigerland and premier danceline of the LSU Fighting Tigers.

WHEREAS, one of the oldest and most established programs at Louisiana State University (LSU), with more than one hundred years of excellence and tradition, "The Golden Band from Tigerland" has been identified by the university as the "largest organization on campus"; and

WHEREAS, it has been written in history books that "the success of the band was inextricably linked to the success of the university" as thousands of students have come to obtain their degrees by way of this long standing tradition to become successful proud alumni; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Golden Girls have been part of The Golden Band from Tigerland as a feature unit since 1959, bringing thousands of young women from around the nation to the university to audition for one of the most respected college dancelines; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, band director Thomas Tyra established the Ballet Corp and it was in 1965 that the glittering girls of gold received their official LSU Golden Girls name; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Golden Girls have a rich tradition of excellence and are well known for their iconic uniform, pregame routine, and precision movements, as well as their academic and professional success as LSU alumnae; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the LSU Golden Girls were recognized by The Golden Band from Tigerland as the section within the band with the highest average grade point average, 3.6; and

WHEREAS, members of the danceline have managed long hours of practice and performances in Death Valley and away games, appearing at campus events, and participating in community outreach, including Bella Bowman Foundation, Arc Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the ALS Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 1985-1986 the LSU Golden Girls competed nationally, and the team was named a Universal Dance Association Top Ten College Dance Team; and

WHEREAS, in 1995-1996 the LSU Golden Girls competed and brought home the title of Universal Dance Association SEC first place champions; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the LSU Golden Girls were invited by the Hong Kong tourism board to perform for the Chinese New Year parade and festival.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend all current and past LSU Golden Girls on sixty years of extraordinary dedication to the program and being the voices of support that will continue this tradition for future generations to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE