

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Lady Tigers of Benton High School in Benton, Louisiana, upon winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's (LHSAA) Class 5A girls basketball state championship.

WHEREAS, the team was led by high scoring duo, Jada Anderson and Qua Chambers, who combined for fifty-five of the team's sixty-two point total and their 62-48 win; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers defeated Ouachita after falling short in the championship game a year ago, a bitter loss and one which they were reminded of every day as the walk to the gym passes the trophy case with the runner-up trophy for 2019; and

WHEREAS, Benton's Lady Tigers' coach, Mary Ward, said she believed that the daily reminder of falling short last year put a chip on the girls' shoulders that fueled their drive to succeed in this year's championship game; and

WHEREAS, this is the Lady Tigers' first basketball state championship in school history and came as the school competed at the 5A level for the first time; and

WHEREAS, in the post season, the Lady Tigers won their five playoff games by an average of 25.6 points per game, a staggering accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, individual honors went to senior guard Qua Chambers, who was named to the first team All-State and to junior guard, Jada Anderson, who was named to the second team All-State and Most Outstanding Player of the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers excelled in the game in every aspect; they scored 21 of 31 attempts from the free-throw line and their run and jump defensive scheme helped them go on several scoring runs, putting the game out of reach of their opponents; and

WHEREAS, whatever the motivation, the Benton High School Lady Tigers conquered every foe in the postseason in order to bring home the Lady Tigers' first state basketball championship to their cheering classmates and loyal fans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Lady Tigers of Benton High School in Benton, Louisiana, upon winning their first basketball state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Mary Ward of Benton High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES