

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team on being named the Louisiana High School Speech League 2023 state champions.

WHEREAS, the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team captured the 2023 state title at the Louisiana High School Speech League (LHSSL) State Tournament of Champions held in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Isidore Newman School state champion speech and debate team is comprised of thirty-seven members, and each member made significant contributions to the team's winning effort; and

WHEREAS, Isidore Newman had fifteen finalists and sixteen semifinalists in the speech events of the tournament; Jackson Dirks placed first in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, and Elizabeth Elliot placed first in Varsity Impromptu Speaking; and

WHEREAS, the team had four-way co-champions in Policy Debate and three-way co-champions in Advanced Lincoln Douglas Debate; the Policy Debate co-champion teams consisted of Grace Carmody and Aria Jolly, Elizabeth Elliot and Hudson Nguyen, Caroline Carmody and Bryce Martin, and Nick Rezza and Jackson Dirks; the Advanced Lincoln Douglas Debate co-champions were Andrew Brandt, Sam Rice, and Owen Dodd; and

WHEREAS, the team also had twenty-four students who made it to the Debate elimination rounds and eleven students in the final round of Congressional Debate; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team are most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible display of academic ability at the LHSSL State Tournament of Champions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Isidore Newman School speech and debate team on being named the Louisiana High School Speech League 2023 state champions and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that its members continue their incredible work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES