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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATOR SMITH

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the undefeated Destrehan High School Fighting Wildcat football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division I state championship.

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend and congratulate the undefeated Destrehan High School Fighting Wildcat
3	football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division I state championship.
4	WHEREAS, the Destrehan Fighting Wildcats have been a model of both excellence
5	and consistency over the last decade by advancing to either the semi-finals or the
6	championship game in eight of the last ten years; and
7	WHEREAS, the senior Wildcats advanced to the championship game as freshmen
8	and to the semi-finals as sophomores and juniors; and
9	WHEREAS, this senior class led the rest of the Wildcats through an undefeated
10	season and were rewarded with a number three seed in the Division I Non-Select playoffs;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, with a remarkably explosive, yet consistent offense led by quarterback
13	Jai Eugene and a stifling defense, the Wildcats marched methodically through the playoffs;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, upon reaching the championship game in the nearby Superdome, living
16	out every Louisiana high school football player's dream, the Wildcats were all set to confront
17	the number one seed Ruston Bearcats; and
18	WHEREAS, the Wildcats proved they were up to the task and jumped out to an early

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lead with a touchdown by running back Shane Lee; and

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WHEREAS, in what became a defensive slugfest with the game tied at ten points apiece with less than four minutes left in the game, Jai Eugene scored on a twenty-nine yard touchdown run to put the Wildcats ahead; and

WHEREAS, while the Bearcats from Ruston did not go down without a fight with two more opportunities to tie the game, the Wildcats from Destrehan rose to the occasion with their defense ending both Ruston drives with interceptions by Andrew Schaefer and Travon Thomas, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats could not have achieved this championship without the leadership and guidance of their coaching staff, led by Head Coach Marcus Scott, who earned his first state championship as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the undefeated Destrehan High School Fighting Wildcat football team upon winning the 2022 LHSAA Division I state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Marcus Scott.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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