

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge Community College Bears softball team for its historic season and for reaching the semifinals of the South-Central District Tournament in Piedmont, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the first head coach of Baton Rouge Community College's softball program was Stephanie Zellner, who amassed a record of forty-seven wins, one hundred twenty-five losses, and one tie over four seasons; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2025 season, under the leadership of Head Coach Mark Suire, the Bears set several program records and finished with a record of twenty-five wins and eighteen losses; and

WHEREAS, this year the Bears surpassed last year's record marking the most wins in a single season and achieved their fewest losses since the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, the Bears 25-18 record reflects the best winning percentage in school history at .581, and ties the program record for eleven home victories; and

WHEREAS, sophomores Olivia Burns, Maddie Robinson, Ashlyn Hebert, Jennifer Fontenot, Mary Wicke, Kennedy Kelly, and Eve Fruge' achieved the best record by a sophomore group in program history giving this sophomore class a combined total of forty-nine wins and forty-two losses; and

WHEREAS, Maddie Robinson, a sophomore pitcher from Natchitoches, Louisiana, holds BRCC's career record for the most wins (19), the most innings pitched (211), and the most strikeouts (211); and

WHEREAS, Maddie Robinson ties Kaitley Fisher for the most stolen bases in a season (18), and she holds the single season record for the most wins in a season (11); and

WHEREAS, Mary Wicke, Kennedy Kelly, Maddie Robinson, Ashlyn Hebert, and Briley LeBeouf, have moved up in the top ten of various career and single-season records; and

WHEREAS, this year's team was the first to qualify for the post-season since 2013, and the first in program history to do so without being a part of a conference; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, the Bears made history by winning their first post-season game, defeating the Northern Oklahoma College-Enid Jets 2-1; and

WHEREAS, during the season, the Bears also set a team record for the most runs scored in a single game, with nineteen runs against Angelina; and

WHEREAS, the Bears tied the record for the most home runs in a game, hitting four against the same team on March 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mark Suire, in his three years as head coach of the Bears, has become the winningest coach in school history with a record of sixty-eight wins and seventy losses; and

WHEREAS, the BRCC Bears softball team is most deserving of the highest recognition for its incredible achievements this season and for continuing to elevate the softball program each year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge Community College Bears softball team for its historic season and hereby extends sincerest wishes for the team's players and coaches as they continue their excellent work, always striving for greatness.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE