

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 309

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOYER, BRYANT, HEBERT, JACOB
LANDRY, AND ST. BLANC

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Catholic High School of New Iberia Panthers football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division III Select championship.

WHEREAS, the Catholic High School of New Iberia Panthers football team captured the 2024 Division III Select state title by defeating Dunham High School, 31-28, in the championship game held in the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, quarterback Luke Landry was recognized as the Outstanding Player of the Game for his incredible quarterback play, throwing for two hundred eighty-eight yards and two passing touchdowns; he was also recognized on the Louisiana Football Coaches Association (LFCA) All-State Honorable Mention Team, and he plans to continue his football career at Louisiana Christian University; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers fielded a number of standout players during the 2024 season; on offense, wide receiver Jaiden Mitchell and offensive lineman Roan Judice were both LFCA All-State First Team honorees, and tight end Joseph LeBlanc was named to the LFCA All-State Second Team; on the defensive side of the ball, linebacker JD Hidalgo and defensive back Karon Eugene were both named to the LFCA All-State First Team; and

WHEREAS, Catholic High School of New Iberia finished the regular season with nine wins and only one loss; the Panthers were also crowned District 7-2A champions after going undefeated through five district games, and the team entered the LHSAA Football State Playoffs as the seventh seed; and

WHEREAS, after a first-round bye, the Panthers defeated Northlake Christian, 59-22, in the second round; the team dominated Isidore Newman en route to a 31-0 shutout victory in the quarterfinals and overcame a strong Calvary Baptist team in a close, 33-31, semifinal game; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic High School of New Iberia football team is led by Head Coach Matthew Desormeaux, who is a 2006 alumnus of Catholic High School that played college football at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; he also captained the Ragin' Cajuns football team for the 2010-2011 season, and he is the younger brother of University of Louisiana at Lafayette Head Football Coach Michael Desormeaux; and

WHEREAS, Coach Desormeaux has an incredible coaching staff, including David Jordan, Trey Provost, Josh Dworaczyk, JonMichael Viator, Colby Hebert, Tucker Lewis, James Lay, Peter LeBlanc, Jason Sullivan, and Henry Ohrengerger, III; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic High School of New Iberia football team is most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible achievements this season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Catholic High School of New Iberia Panthers football team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division III Select championship and does hereby encourage the team's players and coaches to continue their excellent work and always strive for greatness in competition.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES