

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOYER, BRYANT, HEBERT, JACOB
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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Catholic High School of New Iberia Panthers baseball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division III Select state championship.

WHEREAS, the Catholic High School of New Iberia Panthers captured the 2025 Division III Select state title by defeating University Laboratory School, 7-4, in the rubber match of the championship series held at McMurry Park in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, senior dual-sport athlete JD Hidalgo was recognized as the MVP of the state championship after pitching six innings in Game 2 of the championship series and hitting a three-run home run in Game 3; he plans to continue his baseball career at Southwest Mississippi Community College; and

WHEREAS, Catholic High School of New Iberia finished the regular season with eighteen wins and nine losses and defeated Loreauville High School to claim the District 7-2A title; the Panthers entered the Division II Select LHSAA Ochsner Baseball Playoffs as the fourth seed and won six games with only two losses en route to the state title series against University Lab; and

WHEREAS, Catholic High School of New Iberia fielded a number of incredible athletes throughout the season; the All-District 7-2A First Team was filled out by the star-studded Panthers lineup, including pitcher J.D. Hidalgo, second baseman Owen Morris, third baseman Izaac Andre, outfielder Luke Landry, and utility player Cohen Evans; the All-District 7-2A Second Team included pitcher Jace Ruskoski, pitcher Luke Hewitt, and outfielder Joseph Trappey; honorable mentions include Maddox Nacol, Jack Romero, and Gavin Roy; and

WHEREAS, Catholic High School of New Iberia pitcher Lane Fenske was recognized as the All-District 7-2A MVP and named to the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association (LBCA) 2025 All-State First Team; and

WHEREAS, Panthers Head Coach David Jordan was recognized as the District 7-2A Coach of the Year and the LBCA 2025 Coach of the Year; he previously led the Catholic High School of New Iberia baseball program to a state championship in 2001, and he played collegiate baseball at Lurleen B Wallace Junior College and Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Coach Jordan, the Panthers coaching staff includes Jesse Jordan, Jason Sullivan, and Colby Hebert; and

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

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 baseball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division III Select state 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