

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University at Shreveport debate team upon winning the national championship title at the International Public Debate Association national championship tournament.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSU-S) debate team for its successful 2012-2013 season; and

WHEREAS, the LSU at Shreveport debate team was founded in 1967 in order to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of argumentation through competitive events; and

WHEREAS, becoming a member of this organization aids students in preparing for leadership roles in the professional world; and

WHEREAS, the team has earned a total of forty-four program and individual national championship titles in the International Public Debate Association since 2002, and these wins are an affirmation of the team's hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 season, the team finished with nine national championship titles and four runner-up titles; and

WHEREAS, the Founders' Cup Award is presented to the team that has earned the most combined points in all categories; the LSU-S debate team was not only the recipient of this award for the season, but won the Founders' Cup at the national championship tournament as well; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the team was also presented with the Season Scholastic Award, the Ghandi Award, and the Churchill Award for earning the most points in the novice and varsity divisions combined, varsity division, and professional division, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Anthony received the Burke Award for earning the most individual points in the varsity division, an award that brings her a voting membership to the Governing Board of the International Public Debate Association for the 2013-2014 season; and

WHEREAS, at the national championship tournament, the team also earned the Protagoras Cup, which is awarded to the overall winner, and the Tournament Scholastic Award, which is awarded to the team earning the most points in the three undergraduate competition divisions, and the first place award for the novice division was awarded to Christian Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding achievements of the team members of the LSU-S debate team merit a sincere measure of commendation for the pride and honor they have brought to their school, the state of Louisiana, and the Shreveport community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team credit their success to the support from alumni, faculty, staff, and students of Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana State University at Shreveport debate team upon its memorable and historic success and national championship title at the 2013 International Public Debate Association national championship tournament and does hereby extend best wishes to the members of the team as they celebrate their exceptional achievements and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy be transmitted to Coach Trey Gibson, Director of Debate and Leadership Studies.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE