

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVES CROMER AND PEARSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Salmen High School of Slidell Lady Spartan basketball team on winning its second consecutive Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, the top-seeded Salmen High School Lady Spartans basketball team won the Class 4A state title for the second year in a row prevailing against Warren Easton Charter High School from New Orleans, the second-seed in the state playoffs, as the teams clashed in the Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Spartans were led in the championship game by two girls, both named Brown: Megan, a senior, and Kalani, a junior, combined to provide both timely offense and smothering defense to overcome a halftime deficit to Easton of thirty-one to twenty-four; and

WHEREAS, the championship game began as the challengers came out early hitting four three pointers in the first period and dominating as the half ended, but Salmen was not to be denied; and

WHEREAS, in the second quarter Kalani Brown stepped up her offensive game, scoring seven points in a five minute stretch, cutting the Eagles lead at halftime to seven and setting the stage for a dramatic second half comeback sparked by both offensive and defensive brilliance; and

WHEREAS, Easton continued to lead entering the fourth period by forty to thirty-seven, but Salmen went on an amazing 11-0 run, capped by a three-pointer by Megan Brown with 3:12 left in the game; and

WHEREAS, after entering the second half trailing by seven, the Lady Spartans relied on their defense to keep the Easton Eagles at bay while putting on an offensive show on their end of the court; and

WHEREAS, as the Lady Spartans led the Eagles in fourth quarter scoring with Megan scoring twelve of her game-high twenty-one points, which earned her Most Outstanding Player honors, and led her team to the championship game victory; and

WHEREAS, Easton's three-point shooting, which gave them their lead through three quarters of play, in the final period met head-on with Salmen center Kalani who finished the game with thirteen points, but, perhaps, more importantly twelve rebounds and six blocked shots, sealing the Eagles' fate with a blazing defensive effort; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Spartans garnered their second consecutive Class 4A girls basketball championship by a score of fifty-four to forty-eight; and

WHEREAS, speaking of his team having trailed Warren Easton through three quarters, yet managing to prevail in the end, coach Kevin Anderson stated: "It was about determination and never giving up and the girls got it done."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Salmen High School of Slidell Lady Spartan basketball team on winning its second consecutive Class 4A state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Salmen High School of Slidell, Terri Wortman.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES