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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs men's basketball team for
its outstanding season

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs men's basketball team, head coach,
3 assistant coaches, athletic director, and university president for their outstanding
4 2013-2014 season.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs men's basketball team finished the season
6 with a record of twenty-nine wins and advanced to the quarterfinals of the National
7 Invitation Tournament (NIT) after performing at high levels of excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana Tech made their second consecutive and eighth overall
9 appearance in the NIT; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs earned an automatic spot into the postseason tournament
11 by earning the number one seed in the Conference USA Tournament after claiming the
12 Conference USA regular season championship in their first year as a member of Conference
13 USA; and

14 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were led by four seniors, Chris Anderson, Cordarius
15 Johnson, Jaron Johnson, and Kenyon McNeail, who have each contributed greatly to the
16 success of the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs men's basketball team along with other
17 team members, Raheem Appleby, Josh Butler, Leo Edwards, Stojan Gjuroski, Alex
18 Hamilton, Michale Kyser, Isaiah Massey, Erik McCree, Kenneth Smith, and Gilbert Talbot;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, the exemplary accomplishments of the Bulldogs could not have been
2 achieved without the guidance and skills of their Head Coach Michael White, Assistant
3 Coach Isaac Brown, Assistant Coach Derrick Jones, Assistant Coach Dusty May, Athletics
4 Director Tommy McClelland, II, and President Leslie Guice, all of whom have demonstrated
5 the kind of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on the
6 basketball court and in life; and

7 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs captured a thrilling 89-88 victory over Iona in the first
8 round of the NIT after Iona reclaimed the one-point advantage twice in the final seventy
9 seconds of the heart-pounding game and the Bulldogs pulled through and captured victory
10 with the game winning, last second shot to advance to the second round of the NIT; and

11 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs traveled to Athens, Georgia, and defeated the University
12 of Georgia (UGA), 79-71, in the second round of the NIT as the Bulldogs raced out to a
13 twenty-six point first half lead and showed their dominance and teamwork by skillfully
14 repelling a late Georgia rally; and

15 WHEREAS, with the win over UGA, the 2013-2014 Bulldogs men's basketball team
16 tied the basketball program record with twenty-nine victories and advanced to the
17 quarterfinal round of the NIT to compete against Florida State University in Tallahassee,
18 Florida; and

19 WHEREAS, in the quarterfinal round of the NIT, the Bulldogs maintained the
20 highest level of sportmanship and displayed great character; the quarterfinal game ended
21 with a last second shot falling just short in a thrilling, but disappointing 78-75 loss for the
22 Bulldogs; and

23 WHEREAS, the talents and determination of the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs
24 men's basketball team provided their fans with exciting basketball competition; and

25 WHEREAS, the members and coaches of the Louisiana Tech University men's
26 basketball team merit a sincere measure of commendation for their remarkable athletic feats
27 and for the honor they have brought to Louisiana Tech University.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend the members of the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs men's basketball team,
30 Head Coach Michael White, Assistant Coach Isaac Brown, Assistant Coach Derrick Jones,

1 Assistant Coach Dusty May, Athletics Director Tommy McClelland, II, and President Leslie
2 Guice for their outstanding achievements during the 2013-2014 season, which included
3 competing in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament, and does hereby
4 extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride that they have brought to Louisiana
5 Tech University, the community, and state of Louisiana.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
7 to Head Coach Michael White.

DIGEST

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