

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, MORRELL, MURRAY AND PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the L.B. Landry-O.P. Walker Career College and Preparatory High School cheerleading squad for taking first place in the WSA Grand Nationals cheerleading competition.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the cheerleading squad of L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School on taking first place at the Worldwide Spirit Association Grand Nationals cheerleading competition recently held in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, in August 2013 two high schools, L.B. Landry and O. Perry Walker, combined to in a state-of-the-art facility in Algiers to form L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School, now Landry-Walker High School; and

WHEREAS, the move to consolidation, despite the concerns and controversy among residents of Algiers, produced new consolidated teams for all sports, the band, cheerleaders, and the student body as a whole; and

WHEREAS, having only been performing together for the current school year, since the consolidation of their school, the varsity cheer squad took first in the advanced category at the WSA cheerleading competition in New Orleans this spring; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleading squad states in its mission statement that they stand in support of their teammates and their coaches and hold each other to the standard of supporting the school athletic teams, representing their school in a positive light at all times, and always representing themselves as winners; and

WHEREAS, head coach of the cheerleaders, Glenn Caston and his staff came from

1 Walker and were pleasantly surprised by the talent of the combined squad; and

2 WHEREAS, the team practices six days a week, and on school days the students
3 attend study hall for an hour and a half, followed by between two and a half and three hours
4 of practice; and

5 WHEREAS, cheer practice goes beyond merely cheer moves and technique, but
6 includes, etiquette, character-building, and other life skills; and

7 WHEREAS, many of the girls consider time management an essential skill in order
8 to juggle a demanding practice schedule, performances, and maintaining good grades; and

9 WHEREAS, the squad cheers at all football, volleyball, and basketball games, and
10 at parades and competitions; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Caston states that while he is proud of his team, perhaps more
12 importantly, the Algiers community has taken pride in the team's success at the recent
13 national competition; and

14 WHEREAS, having taken first place in the WSA championship, Caston believes that
15 the team can continue to improve its skills and performance, setting their goal to perform
16 well at the next competition in Pensacola, Florida on April 12; and

17 WHEREAS, in competition, the team focuses on performing at its best and making
18 their team the best that it can be, not being concerned with the performance of any of the
19 other teams involved in the competition.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend the cheerleading squad of L.B. Landry-O. Perry Walker College and
22 Career Preparatory High School on taking first place at the Worldwide Spirit Association
23 Grand Nationals cheerleading competition recently held in New Orleans.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Coach Glenn Caston, coach of the Landry-Walker High School cheerleading squad.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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