

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend the coaches, players, and staff of the Northwestern State University Lady Demons basketball team upon their excellent 2013-2014 basketball season that culminated in the Southland Conference Tournament title, earning them an invitation to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament for the first time since 2004.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the exceptional accomplishments of the 2013-2014 Northwestern State Lady Demons basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Demons had an outstanding show of victories in the Southland Conference Tournament: first beating Nicholls; then Lamar; and finally Stephen F. Austin in the championship game, propelling them to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, players Amy Staha, Emily Spector, Keisha Lee, Breanna Fuller, Chelsea Rogers, Janelle Perez, Meredith Graf, Presley Owens, Arianne Ausmer, Jasmine Bradley, Beatrice Attura, Trudy Armstead, Breonna O'Conner, Kourtney Pennywell, and Robin Richardson, under the tutelage of co-head coaches Brooke and Scott Stoehr and assistant coaches Learie Sandy and Kasondra Foreman, superb play during the 2013-2014 season, gave them an overall record of twenty-one wins and thirteen losses, a conference record of eleven wins and seven losses, and a non-conference record of ten wins and six losses; and

WHEREAS, the work of trainer Alex Moran, graduate manager Alexis Popelar, graduate manager, student manager Ashlie Dowden, student assistant Amber Sanders, sports information contact Matthew Fowler, and administrative assistant Chassity Curry was also vital to the Demons' successful season; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their outstanding season record and their Southland Conference win, the Lady Demons were invited to continue in post-season play in the Women's NCAA Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, although the sixteenth-seeded Lady Demons lost to the number one seeded Tennessee Lady Volunteers in the first round of the tournament, it was the Demons' first post season appearance in the prestigious NCAA tournament in ten seasons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its tribute to the coaches, players, and staff of the Northwestern State University women's basketball team for their phenomenal season that culminated in the Lady Demons' title win in the Southland Conference Tournament and appearance in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Athletic Director and Co-Head Coaches Brooke and Scott Stoebr of Northwestern State University.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE