

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Head Coach D-D Breaux of the LSU Women's Gymnastics team on a school record season and upon receipt of the title of National Coach of the Year for 2014 awarded by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women's Division I.

WHEREAS, D-D Breaux is to be congratulated for her newest national coaching title and for the impressive assemblage of coaching accomplishments that she has accrued during her thirty-seven seasons at Louisiana State University that include honors as National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Central Region Coach of the Year six times, as Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year six times, as a finalist for NCAA Coach of the Year, and with election to the USA Gymnastics Region 8 Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Dean of Coaches" at the LSU Athletic Department, she is one of its longest serving faculty members who has provided extraordinary leadership and drive to the Lady Tigers since 1978; and

WHEREAS, D-D Breaux maintains a level of consistency that has propelled LSU into the limelight as a nationally recognized and highly successful program; under her tutelage, Lady Tigers Gymnastics have enjoyed a top ten ranking for twenty-four seasons; and

WHEREAS, D-D has been the catalyst behind the sustained success of women's gymnastics with a regular season record of 433-244-6 and 191-151-2 in post season performances; and

WHEREAS, D-D Breaux is a champion recruiter of both stellar gymnastic athletes and extremely qualified coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, whether at daily practice or sizing up the competition at an NCAA Super Six meet, D-D is a leader of the highest caliber who infuses her team with the mantra, "stay in the process", to remain focused on the task at hand with no second-guessing and no regrets; and

WHEREAS, D-D prepares these exceptional young women for "Life in the Real World" with equal attention paid to athletics, academics, and community service; her formula has produced a plethora of well rounded student-athletes that hold nine individual national titles and include two hundred fifty All-Americans and Scholastic All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the ladies gymnastic team won the meritorious LSU Tiger Cup, an annual award earned by the athletic program that best represents the university in accumulation of community service hours, grade point average, and national placement ranking in post season competition; and

WHEREAS, D-D sets an excellent example in that she donates time and effort to many worthy community service causes that include the YWCA's Pink Ribbon Campaign for Breast Cancer, Foundation 56, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, St. Jude's Hospital, the Alzheimer's Association, and as the LSU chair for the United Way campaign, and in 2009, she was the recipient of the Community Service Award from the McMain's Children's Development Center; and

WHEREAS, born in Donaldsonville, her natural athleticism was apparent at an early age and as a teenager she was nationally ranked by both the Amateur Athletic Union and the United States Gymnastics Federation; D-D competed as a Junior Olympic National Champion, a participant on the World Games, and, while attending Southeastern Louisiana University, she competed on the Lady Lions gymnastics team for two seasons celebrating a second-place finish at the 1972 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship, and also served as an assistant coach for the SLU Lady Lions, as a national level gymnastics judge, and as the first state director for the Louisiana USA gymnastics program; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, she matriculated to LSU and earned both her bachelor's degree and master's degree and became head coach in 1978 when LSU finished first in regional competition and ninth nationally, and the rest is a very colorful and successful history of extraordinary gymnastic glories capped by a fourth place national finish in the NCAA in 1988 and, in 2014, a school record-setting score of 197.600 and a third place ranking at the NCAA Super Six Finals; and

WHEREAS, D-D Breaux merits the highest commendation for her hard work, dedication, and record-setting achievements that she brings to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate D-D Breaux, head coach of the LSU Tiger Women's Gymnastics team, on a record season and upon receipt of the title, National Coach of the Year for 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes to Head Coach D-D Breaux and the LSU gymnastics program as they prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU Women's Gymnastics Head Coach D-D Breaux and to LSU Athletic Director Joe Alleva.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE