

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRICE AND CHAD BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the White Castle High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 1A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the White Castle High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 1A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the White Castle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team completed a remarkable season by earning the title of 2017 Class 1A state champions after securing a sixty to forty-seven win over the Tensas Parish High School Panthers; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 championship marks the sixth state title in program history and the first since 2011; and

WHEREAS, this victory silenced the critics who provided numerous reasons why the Bulldogs of White Castle would be unable to win the Class 1A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2017 regular season and playoffs, and each of these talented Bulldogs deserves recognition for his vital contribution to the winning effort: Javier Batiste, Kenneth Bracken, Ja'Tyre Carter, Tamarcus Fair, Kevin Giroir, Tre' Melancon, Darian Pierce, Koye Ruffin, Shawndrick Stevenson, Willie Williams, Columbus Willis, Cartier Young, Princeton Young, Ryan Young, and Unique Young; and

WHEREAS, the team's amazing feats could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, and guidance of head coach Troy Green, and his coaching staff: Dawan Carter, Elliott Delone, and Sylvester Lavigne; athletic trainer Reece Vitale; and team personnel: Kelvin Giroir, Chamarcus Lewis, Lloyd O'Bear, Dr. Adam Reeves, and Rodrick Wesley; as well as the passion of the many Bulldog supporters who contributed to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs extraordinary season led to a number of accolades being bestowed upon members of the team with Ja'Tyre Carter being selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association to the Class 1A All-State Basketball team as a first-team selection, and a number of players being selected to the 2017 All-District 6-1A boys' basketball team with Ja'Tyre Carter receiving a first-team selection and Tre' Melancon and Princeton Young receiving second-team selections; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2016-2017 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Bulldogs, and all alumni and fans recognize the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to White Castle High School, Iberville Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the White Castle High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2017 Class 1A state championship; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the great sport of basketball; and hereby extends best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine basketball program as they celebrate their championship season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to White Castle High School and head coach Troy Green.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES