

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE AND LANCE HARRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball team for its meritorious achievements in its first three seasons and to congratulate the Generals on an outstanding 2016-2017 season.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball team has only been in existence for three seasons and during this short time the Generals have shown a remarkable work ethic and continue making a name in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I men's basketball; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 2016-2017 season, the Generals have an overall program record of 86-9, they have won three consecutive conference regular season championships, won the Red River Athletic Conference Championship in 2015, and have made the National Tournament each season since joining the NAIA, including making the quarter finals this season; and

WHEREAS, head coach Larry Cordaro and assistant coaches Casey Apetrei, Daniel Roy, Jay Smith, and Taylor Smith have instilled in the players the necessary skills to become great basketball players and outstanding members in their community by demonstrating motivational leadership to produce winners on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Generals include Brandon Ellis, Matthew Thomas, Evan Smith, Carlos Coleman, Hayward Register, Damian Goodwin, Joseph Feraci, Chris Vickers, Javante Walker, John Norvel, Gilbert Talbot, Jordan Adebutu, Brandon Moss, Nathan Bailey, Jordin Williams, Bradley Savoy, Brian Sylvester, Donovan Thomas, Chris Lewis, William Claiborne, Toronco Loston, Roman Redfearn, and Colby Harrison; and

WHEREAS, after their historic 34-1 record for the 2016-2017 season and their first ever appearance in the NAIA's "Fab Four", three members of the Generals basketball team deserve special recognition for their outstanding game performances, Brian Sylvester, Brandon Moss, and Gilbert Talbot, that earned them being named as NAIA All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to recognize the performance excellence of the Generals in their outstanding achievements from the 2014-2015 season to present, to commend the team for the ability they have displayed throughout the season, and to express their congratulations to the team members, staff, and to head coach Larry Cordaro for the merits earned and the pride shown while achieving such a high reputation for the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball team for their meritorious achievements in their first three seasons and to congratulate the Generals on an outstanding 2016-2017 season, and do hereby extend heartiest congratulations for completing a successful 2016-2017 season with a final record of 34-1 through dedicated teamwork, which brings honor to the school, the community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to head coach Larry Cordaro.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE