

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATOR PERRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Peyton Theriot on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship in the discus event in track and field.

WHEREAS, Peyton Theriot, a senior at Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville, Louisiana, captured the state discus title with a winning toss of one hundred forty-nine feet, besting the second longest throw by fourteen inches, despite being a latecomer to the sport; and

WHEREAS, primarily a football player, Peyton Theriot took up the event of throwing the discus a mere seven weeks prior to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association state meet, held at the Bernie Moore Track Stadium on the campus of Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Theriot said that his girlfriend, Jenna Istre, who throws the javelin for the Vermilion Catholic High School track and field team, "is really good", so he decided to try both the javelin and the discus events as a senior, obviously excelling at the discus; and

WHEREAS, to qualify to participate in the state meet in regional competition, Peyton Theriot did not fare well, fouling on his first two throws; however, his third try yielded a one hundred nineteen foot throw, which allowed him to reach the finals in the discus event where his winning throw was one hundred forty-seven feet, sending him to the state meet; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Theriot admitted to being nervous on the day of the state meet, but as an aggressive competitor, he was motivated to give his very best performance; he did and stood atop the podium as the Class 1A state champion; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for placement on the Vermilion Catholic High School "Wall of Fame", a team or individual must win a state championship while competing for their school, and once a state championship is accomplished, the name is added upon graduation from the school, so Peyton Theriot's Class 1A state discus championship will qualify him for the wall and, upon graduation, his name will be added to the others who have won the coveted honor of being listed on Vermilion Catholic's "Wall of Fame"; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Theriot and Jenna Istre will both be competing next year at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as they pursue college degrees; and

WHEREAS, the discus thrown at the collegiate level is bigger than the one used in high school, but Mr. Theriot says he has been training with the larger, college discus as well as the one used in high school competition; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Theriot has brought honor to both himself and his school by winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association discus competition at the state championship track and field meet in 2017, evidencing his hard work and dedication to learning, and excelling in an event in which he became involved late in his senior year of high school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Peyton Theriot on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state championship in the discus event in track and field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Peyton Theriot of Abbeville, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE