

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team and Head Coach Casey Friend on their second consecutive Division II State Championship.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team and Head Coach Casey Friend on their second consecutive Division II State Championship.

WHEREAS, top-seeded St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team completed another sensational season, defending its 2016 crown title to earn the Division II 2017 state championship title for the second year in a row after defeating the number three seeded Alexandria High School, by a score of two to one, to win another thrilling state championship game at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the state championship win was the culmination of an unforgettable season of eighteen wins, four losses, and five ties, and a district record of 4-0-0; and

WHEREAS, Coach Casey Friend was named "Coach of the Year" and Miles Hesterly, Will Labar, and Myles Lloyd were named the best coaching staff in the state; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff and all the members of the 2016-2017 team performed at a superb level of excellence throughout the entire season and into the playoffs, and each of these great athletes and staff deserves recognition for their vital contribution to the winning effort of the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished team of champions includes Blake St. Cyr, Bowen Schneider, Cade Broussard, Christian Fontenot, senior Christian Qawami, senior Connor

1 Latiolais, senior Cullen Russo, David Morton, Ethan Fuselier, Ethan Trahan, senior Evan
2 Wimberley, Fischer Gaudet, Grant Ortego, senior and captain Grant Rodrigue, senior Grant
3 Patterson, senior and captain Jack Meijer, Joey Wallis, John Lanie, Jonathan Fisher, senior
4 and captain Joshua Ardoin, Julian Alansari, Kade Theunissen, Landon Sellers, senior
5 Michael Fatjo, Mitchell Savoie, Mitchell Thornton, Patrick Maloney, senior and captain
6 Parker Pelletier, and senior Will Hoerner; and

7 WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team is
8 composed of numerous talented players who garnered extraordinary division distinctions
9 such as sophomore Landon Sellers being named the State Championship Most Valuable
10 Player and First Team All State for goalkeeper, leading his team with fifty-one saves, and
11 senior Jack Meijer as the Division II Defensive Most Valuable Player and First Team All
12 State for defense, two other young men were chosen as first team all state, senior Grant
13 Rodrigue for midfield, and freshman Julian Alansari for forward who also led his team with
14 nineteen goals scored, and senior Evan Wimberley led his team with eleven assists; and

15 WHEREAS, all the St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team
16 contributed to the unsurpassed team unity and trust that propelled this winning team on to
17 earning the 2017 state championship title; and

18 WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not have been achieved
19 without the guidance and skill of Head Coach Casey Friend, and the best assistant coaching
20 staff in the state, Miles Hesterly, Will Labar, and Myles Lloyd along with the supportive
21 faculty, boosters, and family members who all contributed their time and effort to the
22 success of the school's superior soccer program; and

23 WHEREAS, the alumni and fans of St. Thomas More High School recognize the
24 immense pride and distinguished honor the soccer team brings to its school, community, and
25 state.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend and congratulate the St. Thomas More High School boys soccer team upon
28 winning the 2017 Division II State Championship and does hereby extend best wishes to the
29 players, coaches, and all who are involved in this fine athletics program as they celebrate
30 their exceptional season and prepare for continued growth and success in the future.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 St. Thomas More High School Cougars boys soccer team Head Coach Casey Friend.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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