

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball team on its historic season, as they advanced to the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship game for the first time in program history.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) men's basketball team, the Generals, fought their way to the championship game in Kansas City, Missouri in March 2018, to face the Graceland University Yellowjackets; and

WHEREAS, the fourteenth-ranked Generals were looking to become the first Louisiana school to win a men's basketball national championship since Grambling State University won the NAIA championship in 1961; and

WHEREAS, the LSUA Generals advanced from the Naismith Bracket to the Fab Four of the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship Tournament for the second consecutive year and only the second time in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, the championship game was hard fought between both teams, finishing regulation in a seventy-two to seventy-two tie, sending the contest to overtime, as the Generals missed a shot at the buzzer necessitating the additional playing time; and

WHEREAS, LSUA took an eight point deficit into halftime and then ripped off runs of fifteen points to four and fifteen to two to give the team a seventy to sixty-six lead with less than two minutes left in regulation, however the Graceland Yellowjackets roared back to tie the game; and

WHEREAS, both teams led during overtime, but as the game came to the last seconds with the teams tied at eighty, the LSUA defense forced the ball out of the hands of the Yellowjackets' best shooter, however another player took the ball out of his teammate's hands and launched a three-pointer that hit just as the buzzer sounded, winning the game eighty-three to eighty, and dashing the dreams of the Generals; and

WHEREAS, the Generals' head coach, Larry Cordaro, pronounced the game "unbelievable" with his team leaving "it all out on the court tonight" and refusing to allow

a single shot to define an outstanding season for his basketball team that finished the season with an impressive twenty-nine wins; and

WHEREAS, after the championship game the NAIA announced its All-American teams and Jordin Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was named a First Team All-American, and finished his final season as a General with over seven hundred points scored, shattering the previous LSUA record by more than two hundred points, surpassing fifteen hundred career points, finished his career with All-Conference first team honors and NAIA All-Tournament honors, as well; and

WHEREAS, Second Team All-American honors for the second consecutive season went to Brandon Moss, also a senior, of Bessemer, Alabama, who followed a record-breaking junior year with one hundred more points scored in his senior campaign, finishing with an average of sixteen point six points scored per game and finishing his two-year LSUA career with the third most points scored in program history with over eleven hundreds point scored, leaving his mark on the LSUA record books; and

WHEREAS, William Claiborne finished the championship game with eighteen points and joined his teammate, Jordin Williams, on the NAIA All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, two record-breaking seasons and two consecutive trips to the NAIA Fab Four is a significant accomplishment for the LSUA Generals and bodes well for the future of NAIA basketball in the heart of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana State University at Alexandria men's basketball team on its historic season, as they advanced to the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship game.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSUA Generals men's basketball head coach, Larry Cordaro, on behalf of his team and the entire university.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES