

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Christ Episcopal School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division V state championship.

WHEREAS, in a storybook-type ending, Christ Episcopal girls' basketball team completed its first basketball season as champions with a 54-52 win over top-seeded Claiborne Christian for the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division V state championship at Rapides Parish Coliseum on March 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural varsity season of Christ Episcopal came perilously close to a premature end in the title game; with her team undermanned and in foul trouble for three quarters, senior Gabby Leahy went into overdrive and scored 19 points in the fourth quarter to put her Wildcats over the top and earn Most Valuable Player honors; she finished the game with 33 points on 11-of-29 shooting from the field, 10 points on 12 attempts at the free-throw line, a team high seven rebounds, three blocked shots, and five steals; and

WHEREAS, the Christ Episcopal Lady Wildcats finished their first season with 16 wins and 9 losses and added to their school a second state championship in its seven-year existence; the cross-country team won the Class C state title in 2017; and

WHEREAS, this thrilling victory marked the culmination of a truly unforgettable season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2018 regular season and playoffs, and each of these talented Lady Wildcats deserves recognition for her vital contributions to the winning effort: Quincy Downing, Morgan Fulgenzi, Gabby Leahy, Bernadette Lombardi, Maria Lombardi, Hailey Magness, Jordan Magness, Sydney Schultz, and Grace Seghers; and

WHEREAS, the team's amazing feats could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, and guidance of Coach Stephen Griffin and his assistant coaches, Kendell Richter and Jay Maggio; basketball director Doug Saylor; athletic director Greg Carnovale; and headmaster John Morvant; as well as the passion of the many Lady Wildcats supporters who contribute to the success of the school's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2018 season represents the inception of a tradition of winning for the Wildcats, and all alumni and fans recognize the tremendous honor, pride, and joy that the team brings to Christ Episcopal School, St. Tammany Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Christ Episcopal School girls' basketball team on winning the 2018 Division V state championship; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the great sport of basketball; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this fine athletic 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 Coach Stephen Griffin.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES