

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 235

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Benton High School Tigers baseball team on winning the LHSAA Class 4A state championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Benton High School Tigers baseball team on winning the Louisiana High
3 School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship.

4 WHEREAS, the Benton High School Tigers defeated the DeRidder High School
5 Dragons by a score of 13-2 to become the 2018 Louisiana High School Athletic Association
6 Class 4A state champions at McMurry Park in Sulphur, Louisiana, on Saturday, May 12,
7 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, the Tigers got the bats going in the top of the second inning when Clint
9 Lasiter singled to left center to score designated hitter Sam Simmons, who reached earlier
10 in the inning on a walk to give the Tigers the early 1-0 lead; and

11 WHEREAS, in the top of the third inning the Tigers scored seven runs and never
12 looked back as they dominated the third-seeded DeRidder High School Dragons; and

13 WHEREAS, junior pitcher Turner Toms was sensational on the mound for the Tigers
14 as he pitched the complete game seven innings and only allowed three hits, no walks, struck
15 out eight batters, and was named Most Outstanding Player in the title game; and

16 WHEREAS, the Tigers opened things up in the top of the third inning with
17 sophomore third baseman Cade Scott, senior shortstop Cody Norris, sophomore outfielder
18 Turner Timms, senior second baseman Garrett Hable, junior designated hitter Sam Simmons,

1 junior right fielder J.T. Brice, and freshman left fielder Clint Lasiter all scoring and
2 catapulting the Tigers to an 8-0 advantage; and

3 WHEREAS, the Tigers added three more runs in the top of the fifth inning to
4 increase the lead to 11-2, with Clint Lasiter leading off the top of the fifth for the Tigers and
5 reaching base on a walk; and

6 WHEREAS, Cade Scott then singled in the gap between third and the shortstop to
7 advance Clint Lasiter to second, and the Tigers' third batter, Cody Norris, put down a
8 perfectly executed bunt to load the bases for the Tigers; and

9 WHEREAS, Cole Horton was hit by a pitch to score Clint Lasiter and Garrett Hable
10 singled to right center to score Cade Scott; and

11 WHEREAS, Brennan Blaylock hit a sacrifice fly to the right fielder which was deep
12 enough to score Cody Norris for the final run of the fifth inning; and

13 WHEREAS, the Tigers added two runs in the top of the seventh inning as Sam
14 Simmons blasted a single to left field to score Peyton Long and J.T. Brice hit a sacrifice fly
15 to score Garrett Hable to conclude the scoring in the dominating victory for the Tigers; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the talented Tigers squad, Cody Norris, Kade Bailey,
17 Garrett Hable, Brennan Blaylock, J.T. Brice, Hayden Gatti, Cole Horton, Andrew
18 McPherson, Peyton Long, Brandon Seymour, Cade Scott, Tanner Timms, Jack Walters,
19 Brock Van Hoy, Clint Lasiter, Colbey Sharp, Landon Joyner, Cameron Ross, Drew Haynes,
20 Dane Stearns, Turner Toms, Sam Simmons, Jackson Illingsworth, Keegan Rogers, and
21 Daniel Halbert, merit recognition and congratulations for their extraordinary performance
22 and their competitive spirit throughout the season and the tournament; and

23 WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of athletic
24 excellence throughout the tournament and each of them deserves recognition for their vital
25 contribution to the winning effort; and

26 WHEREAS, Head Coach J.D. Stephens, and assistant coaches, Brian France, Bryan
27 George, B.J. Ryan, and Greg Bryant, instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind
28 of leadership and motivational skills needed to produce winners both on and off the field;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, the Benton High School Tigers baseball team is recognized for the

