

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 262

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Southern University Jaguars baseball team on its accomplishments during the 2019 season.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Southern University Jaguars baseball team on its accomplishments during
3 the 2019 season.

4 WHEREAS, the Southern University Jaguars baseball team, under the leadership of
5 its second year Head Coach Kerrick Jackson, finished the 2019 season 32-24; and

6 WHEREAS, the Jaguars opened the 2019 season with a perfect 3-0 record in the
7 Andre Dawson Classic at the MLB New Orleans Youth Academy, defeating Florida A&M
8 University, Grambling State University, and Alcorn State University; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout the season, Coach Jackson's philosophy of playing "clean
10 baseball" produced a number of signature nonconference wins, including triumphs over
11 Eastern Illinois, Northwestern State, Memphis, and New Orleans; and

12 WHEREAS, the Jaguars made history on the night of April 9, 2019, when Southern
13 handed nationally ranked Louisiana State University a 7-2 loss at Lee-Hines Field, the first
14 home win in the series between the Tigers and the Jaguars; and

15 WHEREAS, the Jaguars honored the passing of superfan Po Ben with a home sweep
16 of rival Grambling State University in March, and also honored the sixtieth anniversary of
17 the 1959 NAIA National Championship team during the Grambling series; and

18 WHEREAS, in conference play, Coach Jackson led the Jaguars to a 17-6 record and

1 a first place finish in the SWAC Western Division; and

2 WHEREAS, the Jaguars entered the postseason SWAC Tournament at Wesley
3 Barrow Stadium as the number one seed; and

4 WHEREAS, Southern landed six players on the ALL-SWAC teams, earning the most
5 selections, including four first team picks, and relief pitcher Connor Whalen earned the
6 league's Relief Pitcher of the Year Award after recording a 4-0 record and seven saves in the
7 regular season; and

8 WHEREAS, third baseman Tyler LaPorte's season-long talent and ability earned him
9 the co-Player of the Year Award and a First Team ALL-SWAC nod; and

10 WHEREAS, after navigating the field at the SWAC tournament, the Jaguars
11 dismantled East Division champ Alabama State 15-0 in the championship game on ESPN
12 to capture their first championship since 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, the Jaguars earned their first trip to a regional tournament in the state
14 of Mississippi since the 2003 team, led by Golden Spikes award-winner Rickie Week
15 stunned Southern Miss 5-3 as the number three seed in the opening game of the Hattiesburg
16 Regional; and

17 WHEREAS, the Jaguars battled the Mississippi State Bulldogs to a 6-6 tie before
18 losing 11-6 in the opening game of the Starkville Regional, and the Jaguars' magical season
19 ended with a 12-2 loss to the University of Miami Hurricanes; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Jackson was named the 2019 SWAC Coach of the Year and
21 Tyler LaPorte was named a Third Team All American by Collegiate Baseball after
22 successfully restoring Jaguar baseball pride during the 2019 season; and

23 WHEREAS, the Southern University Jaguars baseball team is recognized for the
24 well-deserved accolades earned throughout the season and showcasing the extraordinary
25 athletic abilities they have displayed, particularly at the most difficult level of collegiate
26 competition.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby express its sincere congratulations to the Southern University Jaguars baseball
29 team and Coach Jackson for their outstanding accomplishments during the 2019 season and
30 for the sportsmanship shown while achieving such high honors for themselves, for Southern

1 University, the city of Baton Rouge, and the state of Louisiana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

3 Kerrick Jackson, head coach of the Southern University baseball team.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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