

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Mary's of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Lady Tigers on winning the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA (Louisiana High School Athletic Association) Division IV state basketball championship.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Lady Tigers basketball team defeated rival Ouachita Christian School in the championship game played in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, leading by twelve in the second half, the Lady Tigers held off a serious rally by the Lady Eagles of Ouachita Christian to claim the state championship by a score of fifty-three to fifty; and

WHEREAS, Lady Tiger Maria Bienvenu was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship game, as she led her team with fifteen first half points; she sank a shot in the second half with approximately three and one half minutes left on the game clock, giving the Lady Tigers their widest lead margin of the night, and she led all scorers in the game with twenty-one points in the winning effort by the St. Mary's Lady Tigers; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Lady Tigers were down to the Lady Eagles of Ouachita Christian at halftime by a score of twenty-seven to twenty-one, but foul trouble struck in the third quarter with three Lady Eagles earning their third foul each and St. Mary's capitalizing on the foul trouble and, the Lady Eagles held their last lead of the game at thirty-two to thirty-one, when the Lady Tigers scored on their next six possessions; and

WHEREAS, back-to-back three point shots by the Lady Tigers and a jumper from the free throw line put St. Mary's ahead, thirty-eight to thirty-two, a lead the Lady Tigers never relinquished; and

WHEREAS, prior to the game, Academic All-State plaques were presented to Emil Maggio and Carissa Kautz of St. Mary's and Andi Grace Melton and Lauren Shanas of Ouachita Christian, with only seniors and those with a minimum of a 4.0 grade point average being eligible for the honor; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Lady Tigers celebrated their upset win and storybook ending to their dream season and they were proud to close out that season on a fifteen game winning streak, claiming the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Division IV basketball state championship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the St. Mary's of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Lady Tigers on winning the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA (Louisiana High School Athletic Association) Division IV basketball state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the St. Mary's Lady Tigers basketball team.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE