

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the 2020 Booker T. Washington Lady Lions basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state championship.

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 school term was a year of several firsts at Booker T. Washington High School, the first year the school opened its doors at 1021 S. Roman since 2005, the first year a class graduated from the school since 2004, the first time in school history that the girls basketball team garnered a state championship, and six days later the closure of the school due to the pandemic, which negated an opportunity to recognize and celebrate this tremendous accomplishment with the young ladies; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Lady Lions basketball team secured the school's first girls basketball state title with a 44-36 victory over Mansfield, just four years after the school's reopening; and

WHEREAS, after trailing by as many as nine points in the second quarter, the Lady Lions, under the guidance of Head Coach Lakenya Reed, the defense held the Mansfield team to 4-of-28 shooting in the second half and forced twenty turnovers throughout the game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Lions were led by sophomore Imani Rothschild, who scored thirteen points and had six steals during the game; she was named the game's most outstanding player; in addition to Rothschild's performance, the Lady Lions were aided by scoring from Kassie Dolliole, Mikira Kirton, and Ra'nae Tumblin; and

WHEREAS, the Booker T. Washington Lady Lions basketball team won the championship with only eight players on the roster; four of whom were a part of the school's first graduating class since its reopening; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Lions and Coach Reed displayed incredible determination during their championship season, and for this, they are certainly deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2020, the team will be honored and their championship rings will be presented.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Booker T. Washington Lady Lions basketball team on winning the 2020 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A state championship and does hereby extend best wishes to Coach Reed and the players of the Lady Lions basketball team for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Booker T. Washington High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE