

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Southern University Laboratory School girls' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Division IV state championship.

WHEREAS, the Southern Lab Lady Kittens basketball team capped off their incredibly impressive and unexpected season by defeating Cedar Creek, 60-42, at Alario Center to win the Division IV state championship; and

WHEREAS, this season marked the first since 2017 that Southern Lab was able to attract enough interest to form a girls' basketball team, and the team's starting lineup is made up of two sophomores, two freshman, and an eighth-grader; despite this astonishing fact, Head Coach Quianna Chaney, a former Louisiana State University women's basketball player, did not lower her expectations for her newly formed team and led them into the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Kittens entered the 2022 Division IV playoffs as the fifth-seeded team; their inspiring playoff run was highlighted by their stunning upset-victory over the top-seeded Ouachita Christian girls' basketball team in the semifinals; their victory over Cedar Creek in the championship game marks the school's fourth girls' basketball state title; Southern Lab's last state title came in 2004 when Coach Chaney was a player on the team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Kittens overpowered Cedar Creek with high-energy defense and a fast-paced offensive game plan; the game's Most Outstanding Player Award was given to guard Shaila Forman for her all-around performance of sixteen points, seven rebounds, and five steals; her impact on both sides of the court was especially crucial to the Lady

Kittens' dominance; on offense, the team was led by point guard and eighth grader Asia Patin who had a team-high nineteen points and game-high six assists; forward Kinsley James added eleven points, and forward Madison Alcerro also contributed ten points and seven rebounds; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School Lady Kittens are a truly inspiring team that achieved greatness in a unique way; to grow from a newly formed team into state champions over the course of a single season is worthy of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Southern University Laboratory School girls' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2022 Division IV state championship; do hereby further recognize Coach Quianna Chaney's incredible leadership in bringing this team of young women together and molding them into champions in less than a year; and do hereby extend sincerest wishes that all of the members of the Southern Lab Lady Kittens basketball team continue to overachieve and strive for greatness in all that they do.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Quianna Chaney.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES