

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends St. Augustine High School on its 2025 LHSAA Division I Select Boys Basketball Championship.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Augustine High School Purple Knights boys basketball team upon winning the 2025 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division I Select State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana takes great pride in recognizing and honoring the outstanding accomplishments of student-athletes who distinguish themselves through excellence, perseverance, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the St. Augustine High School Purple Knights boys basketball team captured the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Division I Select State Championship with a 45-35 victory over St. Thomas More; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Knights, seeded fourth entering the playoffs, demonstrated remarkable resilience and defensive prowess by holding third-seeded St. Thomas More scoreless throughout the third quarter and extending their lead in the fourth; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Wade Mason, in his first season leading the Purple Knights, instilled a defensive mindset and a spirit of relentless effort that were critical to the team's championship success; and

WHEREAS, Jakobe Shepeard was named the game's Outstanding Player after

1 contributing ten points, seven rebounds, a key forced turnover late in the game, and a critical  
2 blocked shot with less than a minute remaining; and

3 WHEREAS, Aaron Miles led the Purple Knights in scoring with thirteen points,  
4 making all but one of his attempts from the free-throw line in a poised and disciplined  
5 performance; and

6 WHEREAS, Javardes Brazile provided crucial early momentum, scoring six points  
7 in the first quarter and finishing the game with eight points, while the Purple Knights'  
8 collective defensive effort consistently disrupted St. Thomas More's offensive rhythm; and

9 WHEREAS, the Purple Knights' path to victory was marked by strategic adjustments,  
10 such as assigning Shepeard to handle inbound duties against St. Thomas More's press, and  
11 by the team's unwavering commitment to grinding out each possession through intense  
12 defensive focus; and

13 WHEREAS, this championship marks the seventh state title in the proud history of  
14 St. Augustine High School boys basketball and the first under Coach Wade Mason's  
15 leadership, further solidifying the program's tradition of excellence; and

16 WHEREAS, the achievements of the 2025 Purple Knights boys basketball team have  
17 brought great honor to their school, their families, and their community, and serve as an  
18 enduring source of pride and inspiration to all.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
20 does hereby commend the St. Augustine High School Purple Knights boys basketball team  
21 on their outstanding 2025 season and their well-earned LHSAA Division I Select State  
22 Championship.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head  
24 Coach Wade Mason.

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