

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Lafayette Christian Academy Knights boys' basketball team upon winning the 2016-2017 Division IV state championship; and to commend the Knights on their extraordinary achievements for the 2016-2017 basketball season.

WHEREAS, the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence throughout the 2016-2017 season, amassing a record of thirty wins and five losses for the season and finishing with fourteen wins and zero losses in district play; and

WHEREAS, the foremen, Caleb Starks and Gregory Williams, Jr.; the gatekeepers, Kalep Crane, Pierre Dupre, Victor Dupre, Jordan Hall, Terrance Jones, Errol Rogers, Jr., and Kailen Thibodeaux; and the enforcers, Hunter Campbell, Cameron Castro, Zachary Clements, Logan Gabriel, Javian Howard, and Martin Lee all played tremendous roles in the success of the 2016-2017 boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Lafayette Christian Academy Knights boys' basketball team made their fourth consecutive trip to the Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisiana High School Athletic Association boys' basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the tournament was held at Burton Coliseum on the campus of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in their first appearance of the Division IV championship game, the Knights took on the Southern Laboratory Kittens; and

WHEREAS, the Knights had outstanding performances from several players, but most notably from Junior Gregory Williams Jr., who finished the championship game with twenty-four points, five rebounds, three assists, two blocks, and five steals to claim the Most Valuable Player Award; and

WHEREAS, the incredible defense of the Knights held the Southern Laboratory Kittens to just nineteen points in the second half and forced fifteen turnovers in the game; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Christian Academy Knights boys' basketball team completed a sensational season by earning the title of Division IV state champions after defeating Southern Laboratory by a score of fifty-three to forty-three in a hard fought state championship game; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this team could not have been achieved without the unwavering dedication, support, guidance, and skill of head coach, Byron Starks; assistant coaches, Josiah Broussard, Chris Cane, Joshua Comeaux, and Chris Poullard; and managers, Robley Domingue and Lindsey Porter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Lafayette Christian Academy Knights boys' basketball team upon winning the 2016-2017 Division IV state championship; does hereby record for posterity this exceptional team's triumph in the sport of basketball; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and all others involved in this basketball program's success as they celebrate their championship season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the head coach of the Lafayette Christian Academy Knights boys' basketball team, Byron Starks.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES