

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVES STUART BISHOP, BARRAS, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, MONTOUCET, ORTEGO, PIERRE, AND ROBIDEAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Thomas More High School softball team upon winning the Class 4A state championship title and to congratulate the Lady Cougars on an outstanding 2014 season.

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars of St. Thomas More captured the Class 4A title in an 11-5 victory over Vandebilt Catholic High School at the Louisiana High School Athletic Association-State Farm Fast Pitch 56 Softball Tournament, their second consecutive 4A state championship in softball; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars softball team finished the 2013-14 season with a 24-5 record; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Andria Waguespack prepared the Lady Cougars by instilling in the team the confidence and skills that are needed for continued success in the future in leading the Lady Cougars to their eighth state softball championship and fourth under her tutelage; and

WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More Lady Cougars won their eighteenth district championship in a row in 2014, continuing their legacy of excellence; and

WHEREAS, all members of the St. Thomas More softball team merit recognition for their outstanding performance; it is appropriate to commend the title game Most Outstanding Player Whitney Romero, a sophomore, for allowing one earned run and striking out five as the winning pitcher in the title game, while also going 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs at the plate, while sophomore Bailey Hemphill and senior Allison Derise each contributed two doubles and two RBIs; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars play "Janie's Inning" at every home game and many away games, allowing Team Manager Janie Girouard, who has Down's syndrome, to actively participate as a player, bringing national recognition to their school; and

WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More Lady Cougars exhibit the highest ideals of sportsmanship, bringing a commanding sense of honor and immense pride to their school, community, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the members of the St. Thomas More High School softball team and Head Coach Andria Waguespack for winning the Class 4A state title at the Louisiana High School Athletic Association-State Farm Fast Pitch 56 Softball Tournament, and for completing a successful 2014 season through such dedicated performance, which brings honor to their school, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Andria Waguespack.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES