

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 335

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University Eunice Bengals baseball team on winning the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II championship.

WHEREAS, LSU Eunice won their eighth national championship on June 1, 2024, at David Allen Memorial Ballpark under head coach, Jeff Willis; the LSUE Bengals were the number one overall seed, defeating teams from Michigan, Florida, and North Carolina on their way to a NJCAA Division II baseball record eighth national championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bengals finished the season with a 56-8 record and made the team's 11th World Series appearance under Coach Willis; and

WHEREAS, the Bengals defeated Brunswick 9-3 in the championship game; LSUE was led by hits from Dawson Willis and Weston Fulk, and Tyson LeBlanc, Ashton Fuselier, Andrew Lee, and Weston Fulk produced runs that secured the victory for the Bengals; Parker Morgan recorded the final outs to send his team into the NJCAA Division II baseball annals of history; and

WHEREAS, the team's players represent all areas of the great state of Louisiana, hailing from Rayne to Ruston, from Bossier City to Baton Rouge, from Maurice to Mandeville, from St. Francisville to St. Joseph, from Lafayette to Lake Charles, from Ponchatoula to Prairieville, from Houma to Holden, from Moss Bluff to Monroe, and from DeQuincy, Marksville, Kenner, and Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, Dawson Willis was named the World Series Most Valuable Player after leading the team with seven runs scored in the tournament; Alex Dupuy was named the World Series Outstanding Defensive Player; and Liam Watt was named the World Series Most Outstanding Pitcher for recording two victories in the tournament, including the championship game win; and

WHEREAS, the All Tournament Team featured five LSUE players: Alex Dupuy, Weston Fulk, Teddy Johnson, Liam Watt, and Dawson Willis; and

WHEREAS, the LSUE Bengals were awarded the Team Sportsmanship Award for their outstanding community service and leadership on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the players and staff of the LSUE Bengals baseball team are most deserving of the highest recognition for their unprecedented accomplishments in the 2024 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana State University Eunice Bengals baseball team on winning the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II national championship and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the members of the team continue their excellent work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES