

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Live Oak High School cheerleading squad and coaches in their outstanding achievement of capturing first place in the Medium Varsity Division I finals of the 2018 Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship at Walt Disney World on February 11, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Live Oak High School cheerleading squad has won its third national championship in three years; and

WHEREAS, the team worked arduously on its brilliant routine for months, practicing four and eventually five days a week to bring the heat as the competition day drew closer; the team ran through routines in every spare moment, rehearsing over holidays, school breaks, and occasionally on weekends; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival in Orlando, Florida, the squad got right to work, practicing once on the football field at the Walt Disney World resort and once at the prestigious Top Gun All-Stars Gym; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kate Hornsby, who has taken the team to championships in the past, said of the victory: "The girls were hungry to come back and take first place this year. They wanted it so bad because they felt like they deserved it last year, so this year they wanted to prove to people that they were coming back and going to win"; Coach Hornsby coaches alongside Maddie Guidry, who is a former Live Oak High School cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, the team's tenacity paid off on the first day of fierce competition as they finished in first place in its Medium Varsity preliminary round, advancing directly to the finals the next day, but they saved their best routine for last, scoring better than a ninety-one out of a possible one hundred in the finals; and

WHEREAS, each member who competed at the championships should be recognized for her athleticism, stamina, and leadership: Captain Laci Baldwin, Abbey Barbay, Lexie Blough, Victoria Burr, Kaleigh Coffman, Kaitlyn Couvillion, Reagan Davis, Mackenzie Didier, Olivia Duhon, Dalana Gill, Piper Horne, Alanya Karras, Aubrey Lewis, Ashlynn McFadden, Erica Murkowski, Jordan Porter, Callie Prestridge, Callie Rogers, Jillian Schenk, Shelby Summers, Halle Varnado, Kaitlyn Waller, Abby Wang, Courtney Webster, and Brianna White.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Live Oak High School cheerleading squad on their triumphant accomplishment of placing first in the Medium Varsity Division I finals of the 2018 Universal Cheerleaders Association High School Cheerleading Championship and does hereby extend its congratulations to team members, coaches, faculty advisors, and everyone involved in this fantastic cheerleading program as they celebrate their achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Kate Hornsby of the Live Oak High School cheerleading team.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES