

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Bossier Parish Community College debate team for its completion of an award-winning 2013-2014 season.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) debate team recently completed its 2013-2014 season by competing at the 2014 International Public Debate Association (IPDA) national championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 BPCC debate team was comprised of Natalie Banks, Erika Hill, Prince Lofton, and David Tillmon; and

WHEREAS, the team returned from the IPDA tournament with impressive honors in tow; and

WHEREAS, Team Captain Erika Hill finished her 2013-2014 season in the varsity division of debate ranked as the number one community college student in the nation; and

WHEREAS, novice division debater Prince Lofton finished the year ranked as the number three ranked community college student; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2006, the IPDA began honoring a "Coach of the Year" each year, and three years later the organization renamed the award the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year, in honor of the late Bennett Strange, who coached the Louisiana College debate team from 1988 to 2006 and taught for a semester at BPCC in 2006; and

WHEREAS, BPCC debate coach Bob Alexander was named the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year at the IPDA's annual awards banquet held on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at Middle Tennessee State University, becoming the first coach from a community college to earn this award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the individual awards, the BPCC debate team wrapped up the 2013-2014 season with its most successful year to date, earning thirty-one awards and four championships competing against programs from such well-known schools as Texas

A&M International University, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Whitworth University; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Louisiana House of Representatives to commend the BPCC debate team for its outstanding accomplishments over the course of the 2013-2014 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Bossier Parish Community College debate team for its completion of an award-winning 2013-2014 season and extends congratulations to the coaches and students for their many successes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Bossier Parish Community College debate coach, Bob Alexander.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES