

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 169

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Thomas More High School baseball team upon winning the Class 4A state championship of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

WHEREAS, top-seeded St. Thomas More High School from Lafayette, with a season record of thirty-one wins and only five defeats, beat Neville High School from Monroe to claim its first Class 4A state baseball title in over two decades at the LHSAA/State Farm Baseball Tournament played at McMurry Park in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the St. Thomas More (STM) Cougar baseball team earned its way to the state tournament for the third consecutive year and this was the second straight year that the team had played in the Class 4A championship game; and

WHEREAS, STM has had a very successful athletic program through the years, but the last time the school won the state baseball title was in 1992, long before any of the players on this year's team were born; and

WHEREAS, STM right fielder, Orynn Veillon hit a towering walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning to finish a 13-0 shelling of Neville and to earn the title for the Cougars; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, STM senior Wyatt Marks, who was named the championship game's Outstanding Player, took the mound and pitched six shut-out innings, scattering four hits and one walk, before the Cougars won in the sixth inning on the ten-run rule; and

WHEREAS, the STM Cougars put up seven first inning runs with an RBI by Chase Vallot, a three-run triple by Brandon Romero, and an RBI-single by Brennan Breaux, which ended the scoring in the opening frame; and

WHEREAS, the Cougars scored again in the third inning, adding two runs from Vallot and designated hitter Mason Temple, leaving the score with a nine-run STM lead, and setting the stage for Veillon's dramatic finish; and

WHEREAS, the STM team included seven seniors and Coach Gary Perkins gave much of the credit to the six starters returning from last year, stating that he didn't believe that the players who had been to the championship game two previous years were willing to leave without a title this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the St. Thomas More High School baseball team upon winning the Class 4A state championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Gary Perkins in care of St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES