

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Ouachita Parish High School Lady Lions girls softball team on an unprecedented season winning the Class 5A state softball championship title, the first in the school's history.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana have learned that the Ouachita Parish High School Lady Lions softball team won the 2014 Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Class 5A Girls State Softball Championship in their first appearance in the finals; and

WHEREAS, Ouachita Parish High School Lady Lions finished a phenomenal regular season as the District 2 champions with a district record of 8-2; and

WHEREAS, this team of first-class athletes includes Morgan Adams, Callie Buntyn, Makenzie Burtram, Shelby Colvin, Kirstie Croswell, Haley Gregory, Katherine Lee, Brittany Patterson, Victoria Pederson, Addison Roark, Caycee Shaw, Nicole Skerlong, Kayla Stites, Mallory Vining, Karlee Walker, Allison Wooley, and Gaby Haddox all of whom contributed to the team's success, and each of whom merits recognition and congratulations for their outstanding play and winning effort; and

WHEREAS, their commitment to teamwork propelled them forward, going 5-0 in the playoffs to end their memorable season with an overall record of 26-4 which includes the 8-3 victory over Denham Springs High School in the final playoff game to capture the 2014 LHSAA's Fast Pitch 56 Class 5A title; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tim Whitman, and assistant coaches Mike Rainwater, Ricky Powell, and Cymantha Lee utilized the softball field as a nontraditional classroom where they employed their acute knowledge and impassioned conviction to enlighten the minds and forge the character of their players, instilling indispensable principles in the young women that will assist them in attaining success in all their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to recognize each of these extraordinary young women, and their coaches on their much

deserved championship title earned through teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport and each other.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of the Ouachita Parish High School Lady Lions softball team on an impressive and memorable season, and on capturing their first Class 5A Girls High School State Softball Championship Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ouachita Parish High School principal Todd Guice and Ouachita Parish High School Head Softball Coach Tim Whitman.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE