

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Scotlandville High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2015 Class 5A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Scotlandville High School Hornets boys' basketball team completed a sensational season, reclaiming the title of Class 5A state champions by defeating their nemesis from last year's championship game, Natchitoches Central High School, by a score of 42-34, in the state championship game on Friday, March 13, 2015, at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles, in front of more than eight thousand fans; and

WHEREAS, the game was a tooth-and-nail battle with the Hornets coming from behind to gain the title, and the members of the team performed at the highest level of excellence; each of these Hornets deserves recognition for his vital contribution to the winning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Hornets were led by freshman guard Ja'Vonte Smart, who finished with eighteen points, nine rebounds, four steals, and one assist and who earned Most Outstanding Player honors; junior forward Garrick Green added nine points, thirteen rebounds, and three blocked shots; junior guard Jordan Adebutu contributed eleven points, all helping Scotlandville gain its third state title in four years; and

WHEREAS, also included in Coach Carlos Sample's championship team were junior guard Joshua Roberts, sophomore guard Jalen Hawkins, sophomore forward Lamarq Williams, senior guard Monquel Hawkins, sophomore guard Levi Lewis, senior guard LeMarcus Lee, freshman guard Brenden Vessel, and freshman guard De'Marius Shropshire, and assistant coaches Jeremy Noah and Joshua Washington, and Coach Sample is assured of future contention with the return of many of the fine underclassmen; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sample's efforts at the helm of the boys' basketball program at Scotlandville High School have resulted in his team reaching the Class 5A championship game for six years in a row; he has been named *NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune* All-Baton Rouge Area Large Schools Coach of the Year for the second straight year; his 427-170 career record as a basketball coach is exemplary; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding 2014-2015 season upholds the glorious tradition of the Hornets, and Scotlandville High School alumni and fans recognize the immense pride and distinguished honor that the team brings to the school, East Baton Rouge Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby commend the Scotlandville High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2015 Class 5A state championship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the dynasty established with the school's third state championship in boys' basketball in four years; and does hereby extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and everyone involved with this outstanding basketball program as they celebrate their exceptional season and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to head coach Carlos Sample.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES