

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University football team and Coach Les Miles upon winning the 2007 Tostitos BCS National Championship.

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 7, 2008, the hearts and minds of Louisianians were in New Orleans, Louisiana, where the conclusion of a fantastically enjoyable season was being played out and college football fans all over the country witnessed the LSU Fighting Tigers capture the 2007 BCS National Championship, bringing great pride to the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, before a national television audience and a record crowd of seventy-nine thousand six hundred fifty-one fans at the Louisiana Superdome, the Fighting Tigers of LSU defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes 38-24 to become the undisputed national champions; and

WHEREAS, LSU made history on this unforgettable night by becoming the first team in history to win the BCS National Championship twice since its inception, echoing the thrill of the 2003 team's win over the Oklahoma Sooners in January of 2004 and adding to their only other national championship back in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Coach Les Miles and his team exhibited tremendous competitiveness and spirit in finishing the amazing 2007 season with an overall record of twelve wins and two losses, with both losses resulting only after triple overtime games; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable talent, drive and determination of every player on the 2007 LSU football team led to this outstanding season and its culmination in victory at the national championship game; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of the 2007 football team could not have been achieved without the phenomenal guidance, dedication, and the leadership of Head Coach Les Miles and the entire coaching staff, as well as all of the individuals involved with LSU's outstanding and historic football program; and

WHEREAS, LSU's spectacular victory in the 2007 BCS national championship game upheld the glorious tradition of the purple and gold; and

WHEREAS, this incredible victory is an indelible part of an extraordinary era in the history of LSU football and has created a memory that will forever be cherished by LSU fans for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and express enduring appreciation for the immense pride and honor that the 2007 LSU Tigers football team has brought to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the magnificent performance of the LSU Fighting Tigers during the 2007 season, culminating in being named the undisputed National Champions, and does hereby commend and congratulate Coach Les Miles, the players, the coaching staff, and the entire LSU football family upon this historic victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Les Miles.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE