

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the 2008 Louisiana State University Women's Gymnastics team on an outstanding season and for a fifth place finish in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Super Six Finals.

WHEREAS, these "wunderkinds," although young in age and experience, compose a team of fourteen tremendously gifted athletes; and

WHEREAS, these phenomenal Lady Tiger gymnasts, Paige Cipolloni, Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, Samantha Engle, Kristi Esposito, Kristen Fiorello, Sabrina Franceschelli, Summer Hubbard, Susan Jackson, Lauren Klein, Nicole Lyons, Amanda Morales, Kayla Rogers, Staci Schwitkis, and Yvette Triay have received numerous accolades and honors; and

WHEREAS, Ashleigh Clare-Kearney won the "Best All-Around" title and was named Southeastern Conference Co-Gymnast of the Year, posting perfect scores on vault and floor exercise against Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Susan Jackson, a sophomore, has won three first-team All-American honors on beam and floor exercise, along with her second place all-around score; and

WHEREAS, as the only senior prepares to graduate, Kristi Esposito, was named team captain for the Super Six Finals, her paramount contributions of leadership and continuous competitive drive carried the day; and

WHEREAS, this 2008 team, which has finished at the highest ranking for LSU gymnastics since 1988 and which has written yet another impressive chapter in the book of the great purple and gold traditions, sets as its future goal, to become one of the best gymnastics teams in the nation; and

WHEREAS, head coach, D-D Breaux, who celebrates her thirty-first year of coaching the Lady Tiger Gymnasts has brought home innumerable awards and titles, that include over five hundred career victories and honored as NCAA Central Regional Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, these rising young stars in the firmament of collegiate gymnastics glow brilliantly for they are the pride of the state of Louisiana and they are among our best and brightest athletes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the 2008 Louisiana State University Women's Gymnastics team for their outstanding season, for their many individual and team accomplishments, and for placing fifth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Super Six Finals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the LSU Women's Gymnastics team, coach, D-D Breaux; assistant coaches, Bob Moore, and Philip Ogletree; and Joe Alleva, LSU athletic director.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE