

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Edna Karr High School on its many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Edna Karr Junior High School opened on February 3, 1964, and quickly established itself as the premier public secondary school on the Westbank of Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, excelling in academics, athletics, and an unprecedented range of extracurricular activities, Edna Karr soon proved that its motto "Second to None" was more than mere rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, "Second to None" became a challenge to each group of incoming students to uphold and further Edna Karr's burgeoning reputation for excellence, and they have; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the increasing need for a dedicated, college preparatory public high school on the Westbank, the Orleans Parish School Board in May 1990, designated Edna Karr as a magnet school and charged the administration, faculty, and community to embrace the new challenge; and

WHEREAS, with the addition of grades ten, eleven, and twelve over the next three years, accompanied by appropriate changes in curriculum and services, Edna Karr Secondary School proudly graduated its first senior class in May 1993; and

WHEREAS, in May 2000, Edna Karr High School was honored by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, in May 2005, Edna Karr High School was honored again as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Edna Karr High School is one of only a few schools nationwide to have won the prestigious award twice; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Edna Karr High School was one of the first schools to reopen in the city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Algiers Charter Schools Association, Edna Karr reopened as an open access college preparatory high school, accepting students from all over Orleans Parish with an open admissions policy; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013, Edna Karr High School became a founding school as part of InspireNOLA Charter Schools; and

WHEREAS, after over fifty years of service to the children of New Orleans, Edna Karr High School continues to expand its reputation for excellence by attracting the best students and teachers, continuing to provide quality education, and instilling in all the desire to succeed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Edna Karr High School on its many accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Harold Clay Jr., Head of School of Edna Karr High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE