

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Providence Classical Academy on the dedication of the Dr. Fred Lowery Library.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Providence Classical Academy on the dedication of the Dr. Fred Lowery
3 Library.

4 WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy is composed of students from different
5 churches, with over ten local churches and several denominations represented by its student
6 body and is intentionally historically grounded in orthodox Christianity; and

7 WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy seeks to pursue the glory of God and the
8 good of His people by providing a classical and Christian education founded upon a biblical
9 worldview, which equips students to know, love, and practice the truth and challenges them
10 to strive for excellence as they live purposefully in service to God and man; and

11 WHEREAS, the academy envisions training students to be lifelong learners, who will
12 fully engage both heart and mind to know and serve God, and to have a relationship with
13 Him through Christ that is exhibited in every area of life and culture; and

14 WHEREAS, in February 2005, Howard and Melissa Davis advertised and held two
15 informational meetings about Christian classical education, and in May 2005, Howard Davis
16 organized a board that shared the common vision of a Christian classical school in the
17 Shreveport-Bossier area; and

18 WHEREAS, the founding board members were Howard Davis, Melissa Davis,

1 Mark Jonker, Stephanie Jonker, Michael Raggio, Charles Roberts, Lacey Wallace, Vikki
2 Wallace, and Serena White; and

3 WHEREAS, the wives of the board members agreed to join together volunteering
4 their time and talent to start the first school year in August 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, from August 2005 to May 2006, the school met at Broadmoor Baptist
6 Church in Shreveport with twenty students in kindergarten through third grade; and

7 WHEREAS, in the spring of 2006, additional informational meetings were held and
8 other families began to understand the vision of a Christian classical school; and

9 WHEREAS, enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year increased to twenty-three
10 students and Providence Classical Academy began meeting at First Baptist Bossier; and

11 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2007, Providence Classical Academy began its first year
12 as a full-time private school, meeting five days a week from eight o'clock in the morning
13 until three o'clock in the afternoon; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 school year began with forty-six students in kindergarten
15 through seventh grade; the 2008-2009 school year began with seventy-two students in
16 kindergarten through eighth grade; and the 2009-2010 school year proved to be a historical
17 year in terms of growth as enrollment grew to over one hundred students in kindergarten
18 through eighth grade; and

19 WHEREAS, over the years, Providence Classical Academy has grown to five
20 hundred seventy students in K4 through twelfth grade; and

21 WHEREAS, an incredible group of sixty-two teachers is employed by Providence
22 Classical Academy and their enthusiasm for learning is contagious to the students, resulting
23 in an average score of twenty-eight on the ACT; and

24 WHEREAS, the headmaster at Providence Classical Academy, Howard Davis,
25 deserves a special measure of commendation for his tireless dedication to academic
26 excellence and to the role of Christ in the lives of students and faculty; and

27 WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy transformed from providing instruction
28 from First Baptist Church to an expansive campus including a new library; and

29 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2017, a ribbon cutting and dedication took place at
30 Providence Classical Academy to commemorate its new library, the Dr. Fred Lowery

