

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 332

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Homer High School on the occasion of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution.

WHEREAS, Homer High School was established in 1900 and serves as the flagship secondary educational institution of Claiborne Parish; upon opening, the school employed six teachers and served one hundred-fifty students, and the original school building housed both elementary and high school; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School awarded its first two diplomas in 1902 to Maggie Gladney and Leslie Kimball; the graduating class of 1903 had four students, and the class of 1904 graduated six students; the graduation ceremonies were held in the old Kinebrew Opera House; and

WHEREAS, under Principal O.B. Staples from 1911 to 1914, Homer High School became one of three schools in Louisiana whose graduates would be accredited to colleges and universities without an exam; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School originally used an area around McCasland Street and the Homer fairgrounds for athletic practices and events; the current school building was completed in 1928 and the school halls remain adorned with the senior photos of every graduating class since 1927; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Homer High School has been successful in literary and music rallies, science and social studies fairs, and athletic and artistic competitions at the district, state, and national levels; Homer Band Director Dr. Charlie Roberts, a Homer High alumnus and music composer, went on to become a legendary band director at Louisiana State University, and many current and former teachers and coaches have been honored with scholarships in their names; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School has four state football championships and has competed in eight title games, most recently in 2021; three of the school's football coaches have received Louisiana High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year Honors: Coach Stewart, Coach Gossett, and Coach Casey; additionally, Coach Ronny G. Beard, the school's former principal and namesake of its football stadium, was recently inducted into the Louisiana Sports Writers Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Homer High School baseball program claimed the state baseball title in 1979, and the school has numerous district and state track championships; and

WHEREAS, the Homer High School Future Business Leaders of America is a recognized leader in business educational scholarships and awards, and it has received both state and national recognition through the sponsorship of the school's dean of students and assistant principal, David Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School is a pillar of educational excellence in Claiborne Parish and the state of Louisiana, and its administrators, teachers, staff, and students are most deserving of the highest recognition for their continued achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Homer High School on the occasion of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the school's many contributions to the state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES