

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 343

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, JACKSON, AND WALTERS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates July 25-27, 2025, as Notre Dame Catholic High School All-Class Reunion 2025 Weekend in Shreveport and commends the school on the occasion of its sixty-seventh anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate July 25-27, 2025, as Notre Dame Catholic High School All-Class Reunion
3 2025 Weekend in the city of Shreveport and to commend the school on the occasion
4 of its sixty-seventh anniversary.

5 WHEREAS, in 1958, Shreveport businessman Paul O'Brien and his wife saw the
6 need for Catholic African American students to receive the best possible education; the
7 O'Briens purchased land and built a school to accommodate three hundred students; it
8 opened on September 15, 1958, with one hundred thirty pupils in grades seven through nine;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Notre Dame Catholic High School was dedicated to the church on
11 December 7, 1958, and a grade was added each year until the school reached the twelfth
12 grade; the school was a haven for intellectual growth and development and fostered an
13 environment filled with expectations of greatness where strong discipline and warm
14 nurturing brought out the best in its students; and

15 WHEREAS, among the first instructors at Notre Dame Catholic High School were
16 Sister Mary Ferdinand, Sister Mary Sabina, Mrs. W.E. Hicks, Hosie Sanders, Mrs. J.
17 Washington, Sister Mary Lucy, and Mr. Isaac Greggs, who volunteered as the music teacher
18 and band director and finished his music education career as the band director at Southern
19 University in Baton Rouge; and

1 WHEREAS, in its heyday, Notre Dame Catholic High School was the pride of
2 Shreveport; the school's mission was "to proclaim witness and to serve", and the
3 administration focused on teaching traditional values and a love of God and one's fellow
4 man; and

5 WHEREAS, the Notre Dame High School All-Class Reunion celebrates the sixty-
6 seventh anniversary of the school's opening, observing the time-honored tradition of
7 reuniting former classmates to reconnect with each other; recognizing and expressing
8 appreciation for the teachers and administrators who positively impacted the formative years
9 of attendees; and paying tribute to classmates who have passed; and

10 WHEREAS, each member of each class had unique and special abilities in
11 academics, athletics, singing, oratorical skills, playing an instrument, dancing, or displaying
12 leadership skills; a bond of closeness existed among class members that led to high levels
13 of achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, the city of Shreveport will welcome esteemed graduates of Notre Dame
15 High School to Shreveport July 25-27, 2025, to participate in the sixty-seventh anniversary
16 of the school's opening, among them alumni who excel in education, entrepreneurship, the
17 service industry, religion, military service, finance, civil and public service, and parenthood,
18 all to the betterment of the areas in which they serve.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate July 25-27, 2025, as Notre Dame Catholic
21 High School All-Class Reunion 2025 Weekend in the city of Shreveport; does hereby
22 commend the school on the occasion of its sixty-seventh anniversary; and does hereby urge
23 all schools in the state of Louisiana to encourage reunions and continue the traditions that
24 fuel the achievements of their alumni.

DIGEST

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