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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Combs-McIntyre High School Reunion and welcomes them to Louisiana

A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Combs-McIntyre High School upon the celebration of its 2013 High School 3 Reunion. 4 WHEREAS, on June 21 through June 23, 2013, the former faculty, staff, and students 5 of Combs-McIntyre High School will celebrate their 2013 High School Reunion in Oak 6 Grove, Louisiana, and it is appropriate to welcome them back home and to wish them a 7 blessed, safe, and joyous reunion; and 8 WHEREAS, until 1969, when a major portion of the Oak Grove school burned down, 9 Combs-McIntyre was the only school in Oak Grove that African American students could 10 attend; and 11 WHEREAS, during the 1950s and 1960s, the educational opportunities for blacks 12 in West Carroll Parish were minimal; there was one high school, one junior high school, and 13 seven elementary schools, which were all severely understaffed and consisted of mainly one 14 room; and 15 WHEREAS, two prominent black leaders at the time, Cube Combs, a progressive 16 activist, and Lou McIntyre, a wealthy philanthropist, gave selflessly and tirelessly of their 17 time, talents, and money to create a high school for the black students of West Carroll 18 Parish, which provided them with a sufficient and adequate education and school facility; 19 and

1 WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. McIntyre furnishing land for the school at a nominal 2 price and Mr. Combs' vision, leadership, and determination for building a new school, the 3 new facility was named Combs-McIntyre High School in their honor; and 4 WHEREAS, the first students to graduate from Combs-McIntyre High School in May 1955 were Frankie D. Nelson, Hattie B. Coleman, Ida Faye Cobb, Auther Fisher, 5 6 Annette Mare Gordon, Charles Pittman, Albert Brown, Allean Henderson, Ruth Henderson, Earl K. Jackson, Simon Leggart, Irene Ruffin, Norval Randolph, and Willie D. Williams; 7 8 and 9 WHEREAS, Combs-McIntyre High School alumni remember their school fondly as 10 a great place to learn, a happy place to play, a wonderful place to spend time with friends, 11 and a place where love was shared and discipline was enforced; and 12 WHEREAS, State Representative Roy Burrell is a proud alumnus of Combs-13 McIntyre High School; and 14 WHEREAS, the historical significance of Combs-McIntyre High School will forever 15 remain in the hearts and minds of all who worked at or attended this historic institution, and 16 it is fitting to extend to them best wishes for a joyous, safe, and successful reunion. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome the faculty, staff, and alumni of Combs-19 McIntyre High School back home to Louisiana, does hereby commemorate the enduring 20 legacy and significant impact that Combs-McIntyre High School made in the Oak Grove 21 community and West Carroll Parish, and does hereby extend full measures of happiness and 22 prosperity to all participants of the 2013 Combs-McIntyre High School Reunion. 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 24 to Glenese Tolbert, chair of the Combs-McIntyre High School Reunion Committee.

DIGEST

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