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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON AND SENATOR GALLOT

COMMENDATIONS: Recognizes the Wayne family on setting the record for the most family members to graduate from the same university

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Wayne family on setting the record for the most family members to
3 graduate from the same university.

4 WHEREAS, the Waynes, with roots in Marion, Louisiana, have had eighty-six
5 family members attend Grambling University from the 1940s to the present, which includes
6 six generations; fifty-two of those have earned degrees; and

7 WHEREAS, Hattie Wayne of Dallas, Texas, submitted the claim to Guinness World
8 Records in August 2013, and the claim was accepted in October 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, the family has since received significant and diverse media exposure,
10 including the *Washington Times*, *The Advocate*, bet.com, the Tom Joyner Foundation, and
11 *HBCU Digest*, a news resource for historically black colleges and universities; and

12 WHEREAS, Hattie Wayne graduated from Grambling University in 1971 and went
13 on to become the first African-American to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern
14 Methodist University, and she now owns her own public relations and advertising business;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mary Will-Johnikin is a Grambling graduate and professor at Sullivan
17 University in Louisville, Kentucky, and her daughter, Dr. Micean Johnikin is a pediatric
18 cardiologist; and

19 WHEREAS, Shirley Wayne is a Grambling graduate with a degree in music
20 education; her brother Ralph Wayne earned a physical education degree at Grambling and

1 played football under legendary coach Eddie Robinson; and Ralph's son, Reggie, graduated
2 from the University of Miami and won a Super Bowl with the Indianapolis Colts; and

3 WHEREAS, Leola Wayne Taylor is a seventy-seven-year-old retired educator in
4 Chicago who graduated from Grambling in the 1950s and is the family's oldest living
5 graduate of the university; and

6 WHEREAS, the Guinness verification process is extensive and involves submitting
7 numerous supporting documents, including birth certificates and Grambling records, that
8 university administrators must verify.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 commend the Wayne family on their achievements in education and for setting the record
11 for the most family members to graduate from the same university.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to the Wayne family.

DIGEST

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