

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON AND SENATOR GALLOT

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE