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2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY SENATOR BROWN AND REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the West Baton Rouge Museum, its director and exhibit team for the exhibit, "Cohn High School: How We Love Thee".

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum, its director and
3	exhibit team for the exhibit, "Cohn High School: How We Love Thee".
4	WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Museum, accredited by the American Alliance
5	of Museums, organized the exhibit "Cohn High School: How We Love Thee" in honor of
6	the now demolished Cohn High School (1949-1969) established to educate students of color
7	in the parish of West Baton Rouge; and
8	WHEREAS, this project was under the supervision of museum director Dr. Julie
9	Rose, who organized the exhibit team lead by curator Angelique Bergeron; and
10	WHEREAS, the team included LSU intern Jenna Stewart, guest co-curator Kathe
11	Hambrick-Jackson, registrar Lauren Hawthorn, members of the Cohn High School Alumni
12	Association, and historian, Dr. Paul Paskoff; and
13	WHEREAS, invaluable contributions were made to this project by the West Baton
14	Rouge Parish School Board, the city of Port Allen, the private, nonprofit organization DOC
15	DHL, and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge; and
16	WHEREAS, the museum is on the Louisiana African American Trail and the
17	collections and historic buildings interpret "From Slavery to Civil Rights: in the sugarcane
18	growing region of the state"; and

1	WHEREAS, Cohn High School's history carries the interpretation further into the	
2	twentieth century showing the relevance of African-American history in today's society; and	
3	WHEREAS, the landmark exhibition "Cohn High School: How We Love Thee",	
4	February 2 through March 2, 2016, grew from the initial collection of saved materials and	
5	stories to the first comprehensive history of the only West Baton Rouge Parish high school	
6	for African Americans; and	
7	WHEREAS, on May 23, 2016, the American Association for State and Local History	
8	selected this exhibit as a 2016 Award of Merit winner by the Leadership in History awards	
9	committee; and	
10	WHEREAS, the American Association for State and Local History Leadership in	
11	History Award is the nation's most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement	
12	in state and local history.	
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby	
14	commend and congratulate the West Baton Rouge Museum and its director and exhibit tean	
15	for the success of the recognition of their diligent work and effort with the exhibit, "Cohn	
16	High School: How We Love Thee".	
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the	
18	West Baton Rouge Parish Museum and the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board.	
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.	

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