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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Providence Classical Academy on the dedication of the Dr. Fred Lowery Library.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Providence Classical Academy on the dedication of the Dr. Fred Lowery
3	Library.
4	WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy is composed of students from different
5	churches, with over ten local churches and several denominations represented by its student
6	body and is intentionally historically grounded in orthodox Christianity; and
7	WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy seeks to pursue the glory of God and the
8	good of His people by providing a classical and Christian education founded upon a biblical
9	worldview, which equips students to know, love, and practice the truth and challenges them
10	to strive for excellence as they live purposefully in service to God and man; and
11	WHEREAS, the academy envisions training students to be lifelong learners, who will
12	fully engage both heart and mind to know and serve God, and to have a relationship with
13	Him through Christ that is exhibited in every area of life and culture; and
14	WHEREAS, in February 2005, Howard and Melissa Davis advertised and held two
15	informational meetings about Christian classical education, and in May 2005, Howard Davis
16	organized a board that shared the common vision of a Christian classical school in the
17	Shreveport-Bossier area; and
18	WHEREAS, the founding board members were Howard Davis, Melissa Davis,

1	Mark Jonker, Stephanie Jonker, Michael Raggio, Charles Roberts, Lacey Wallace, Vikki
2	Wallace, and Serena White; and
3	WHEREAS, the wives of the board members agreed to join together volunteering
4	their time and talent to start the first school year in August 2005; and
5	WHEREAS, from August 2005 to May 2006, the school met at Broadmoor Baptist
6	Church in Shreveport with twenty students in kindergarten through third grade; and
7	WHEREAS, in the spring of 2006, additional informational meetings were held and
8	other families began to understand the vision of a Christian classical school; and
9	WHEREAS, enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year increased to twenty-three
10	students and Providence Classical Academy began meeting at First Baptist Bossier; and
11	WHEREAS, in the fall of 2007, Providence Classical Academy began its first year
12	as a full-time private school, meeting five days a week from eight o'clock in the morning
13	until three o'clock in the afternoon; and
14	WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 school year began with forty-six students in kindergarten
15	through seventh grade; the 2008-2009 school year began with seventy-two students in
16	kindergarten through eighth grade; and the 2009-2010 school year proved to be a historical
17	year in terms of growth as enrollment grew to over one hundred students in kindergarten
18	through eighth grade; and
19	WHEREAS, over the years, Providence Classical Academy has grown to five
20	hundred seventy students in K4 through twelfth grade; and
21	WHEREAS, an incredible group of sixty-two teachers is employed by Providence
22	Classical Academy and their enthusiasm for learning is contagious to the students, resulting
23	in an average score of twenty-eight on the ACT; and
24	WHEREAS, the headmaster at Providence Classical Academy, Howard Davis,
25	deserves a special measure of commendation for his tireless dedication to academic
26	excellence and to the role of Christ in the lives of students and faculty; and
27	WHEREAS, Providence Classical Academy transformed from providing instruction
28	from First Baptist Church to an expansive campus including a new library; and
29	WHEREAS, on September 29, 2017, a ribbon cutting and dedication took place at
30	Providence Classical Academy to commemorate its new library, the Dr. Fred Lowery

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Library, and to honor the man who bears its name; and

WHEREAS, God led Dr. Lowery to First Baptist Church in Bossier in 1983, and he
effectively responded to his calling by providing unwavering, dedicated spiritual leadership
to its membership of more than seven thousand Christians; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Lowery has baptized and married thousands of people, imparted the
Word of God in more than five hundred churches, Bible conferences, revivals, and marriage
conferences, and served in presidential office in the Louisiana State Convention, Southern
Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, and as vice president of the Southern Baptist
Convention; and
WHEREAS, in addition to his commanding and persuasive speaking talents, God has
also gifted Dr. Lowery in writing and he is the author of "Making the Bible Clear", "Starting
Here-Starting Now", "Home Improvement 101", "Covenant Marriage: Staying Together for
Life", and "Jogging Through the Bible"; and
WHEREAS, in 2013, Dr. Lowery retired as senior pastor of First Baptist Church
after thirty years with more than fifty years as a minister; and
WHEREAS, through his guidance and leadership, the students, parents, teachers,
families, friends, and community churches will grow in a deeper understanding of God, His
character, and His purposes.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
commend the Providence Classical Academy on the dedication of the Dr. Fred Lowery
Library in honor of a man who devoted more than fifty years to Christ.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
headmaster of Providence Classical Academy.

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