

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND GLOVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Larry J. Pannell upon the occasion of his retirement as the Grambling State University music department head and director of bands and to thank him for his many years of service to the youth of this state through the sharing of his love of music.

WHEREAS, after twenty-six years as the band director of the world-renowned Grambling State University Marching Tigers, Dr. Larry J. Pannell has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Doc", Dr. Pannell graduated from Grambling State University, with a bachelor of science; he went on to earn a master of music education from Louisiana Tech University and a doctorate of musical arts from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Grambling State University faculty in 1992, Dr. Pannell taught music at schools in California and Louisiana for nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell has directly trained more than five thousand student members of the Grambling State University Marching Tigers; under his guidance, the band has participated in more than three hundred national performances, including performances at three presidential inaugurations and Super Bowl XXXII and appearances in a number of documentaries and commercials; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell scored the sound track for "Drumline", the 2002 film; he also scored five musical compositions for the movie "The Great Debaters" in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell has been a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Louisiana Music Educators Association, American Federation of Teachers,

Southwestern Athletic Conference Band Directors Association, Kappa Kappa Psi honorary band fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha professional music fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry J. Pannell is a true living legend, and while he will be sorely missed at Grambling State University, he will forever be a cherished part of the Grambling State University family; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that a special measure of commendation be extended in celebration of Dr. Larry J. Pannell, a talented and treasured individual who will forever be an inspiration to the countless students, musicians, colleagues, friends, relatives, and citizens whose lives he has touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Larry J. Pannell, upon the occasion of his retirement as the Grambling State University music department head and director of bands, and thank him for his many years of service to the youth of this state through the sharing of his love of music; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions as the leader of the world-renowned Marching Tigers; does hereby express to this fine gentleman enduring gratitude for the pride and honor that he brings to Grambling State University and to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him very best wishes for success and happiness as he embarks on new endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Larry J. Pannell.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES