

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the St. Augustine High School, class of 1969, on its fifty-year class reunion.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the St. Augustine High School, class of 1969, on its fifty-year class reunion.

3 WHEREAS, on October 31 through November 3, 2019, the former students of St.
4 Augustine High School will celebrate their fifty-year high school class reunion in New
5 Orleans, and it is appropriate to welcome them back home and to wish them a blessed, safe,
6 and joyous reunion; and

7 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School was founded in 1951 by the Society of St.
8 Joseph of the Sacred Heart through the Youth Progress Program of the Archdiocese of New
9 Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School is the training ground for leadership through
11 academic excellence, moral values, Christian responsibility, and reasonable, consistent
12 discipline; and

13 WHEREAS, the goals of St. Augustine High School are to open its doors to young
14 men, especially the economically disadvantaged, who are willing to strive for excellence and
15 to develop each individual to the fullness of his own unique capacity; and

16 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School has always been focused on fostering
17 Christian values based on the sacred scriptures and Roman Catholic tradition, and providing
18 each student with educational opportunities and experiences related to his African American
19 heritage and his American citizenship; and

20 WHEREAS, it is vitally important to instill in each student the responsibilities of
21 leadership in family, church, community, and society-at-large; and

1 WHEREAS, with the Josephites leading the charge on the school's construction,
2 oversight, and administration, St. Augustine has made history as a prominent academic
3 institution and driver of civic leadership in New Orleans and the South; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1967, St. Augustine won a legal battle, which led to the desegregation
5 of Louisiana high school sports and to the school's admittance into the Louisiana High
6 School Athletic Association; and

7 WHEREAS, St. Augustine's early alumni blazed trails in collegiate atmospheres
8 where African Americans were once excluded; and

9 WHEREAS, today, while St. Augustine now welcomes students of any national or
10 ethnic background, it remains the leading secondary school for black males in Louisiana and
11 is nationally recognized in educational circles for outstanding success in preparing its
12 students for higher education.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the St. Augustine High
15 School, class of 1969, on its fifty-year class reunion and does hereby express best wishes for
16 a joyous gathering of which the bonds of old friendships are renewed and strengthened.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 president of St. Augustine High School and the president of St. Augustine High School
19 Alumni Association.

DIGEST

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