

1 became widely known as "The Best Band in the Land"; and

2 WHEREAS, the Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band has earned
3 national and international recognition through performances on some of the most prominent
4 stages in the world, including major collegiate and professional sporting events, such as its
5 historic appearance at Super Bowl I, United States Presidential Inaugural Parades and
6 inaugural events, international performances, and major motion pictures and national media;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the band has continued for generations to showcase musical excellence,
9 cultural pride, and the distinctive tradition of historically Black college and university
10 marching bands, inspiring audiences across Louisiana, the nation, and the world; and

11 WHEREAS, the Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band has long been an
12 integral part of the tradition and pageantry of the Bayou Classic, contributing to one of
13 Louisiana's most celebrated annual cultural and collegiate events; and

14 WHEREAS, through its commitment to discipline, artistry, and excellence, the band
15 has provided generations of students with opportunities for musical achievement, leadership
16 development, and service to the university; and

17 WHEREAS, the band continues to serve as a source of pride and unity for students,
18 alumni, faculty, staff, and supporters and remains an enduring symbol of the heritage and
19 spirit of Grambling State University; and

20 WHEREAS, the celebration of the centennial of the Grambling State University
21 Tiger Marching Band is a fitting occasion to recognize and honor the directors, student
22 musicians, staff, alumni, and supporters whose dedication and talent have sustained this
23 proud legacy for one hundred years.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 commend and congratulate Grambling State University upon the celebration of the
26 centennial of the Grambling State University "World Famed" Tiger Marching Band and does
27 hereby recognize its outstanding contributions to music, education, culture, and the proud
28 heritage of the state of Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
30 Martin Lemelle, Jr., President of Grambling State University.

