

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SCHOOLS/LA MATH, SCIENCE: Requests that the board of directors of the La. School of Math, Science, and the Arts commission a bust or statue of Jimmy D. Long, Sr., for placement on campus in commemoration of his significant contributions

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the board of directors of the Louisiana School of Math, Science, and the
3 Arts to commission a bust or statue of Jimmy D. Long, Sr., for placement on the
4 campus in commemoration of his significant contributions to the school and to
5 provide for an accompanying kiosk to explain the vital role he played in the creation,
6 history, and success of the school.

7 WHEREAS, Jimmy D. Long began his tenure as a member of the Louisiana House
8 of Representatives in 1968 and was a very active and productive legislator, dedicating much
9 of his time, energy, and talent to education; and

10 WHEREAS, as a member of the House for more than three decades, Jimmy Long
11 enjoyed wide respect from his colleagues for his personal integrity and leadership abilities
12 and ultimately held the title of "Dean of the Legislature"; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Long put those abilities to the highest use in the cause
14 of education as a strong supporter of efforts to reform and improve the state's public
15 education system; and

16 WHEREAS, as chairman of the House Committee on Education from 1976 to 1992,
17 Jimmy Long was untiring in his efforts to better the educational system in this state and
18 authored critical education legislation; and

19 WHEREAS, one of the most significant pieces of legislation authored by Mr. Long
20 was the instrument that created the Louisiana School of Math, Science, and the Arts, a

1 residential school located on the campus of Northwestern State University of Louisiana in
2 Natchitoches; and

3 WHEREAS, the accomplishments and contributions of Jimmy Long are not simply
4 of the past but live in the present and influence the future, continuing to affect the lives of
5 Louisiana citizens, the very nature of this legislative institution, and the entire Louisiana
6 School of Math, Science, and the Arts family; and

7 WHEREAS, in recognition of the special place Mr. Long holds in the school's
8 history, the school's board of directors meets quarterly in the Jimmy D. Long, Sr.,
9 Boardroom, and in December of 2016, the board unanimously approved a motion to name
10 a new residence hall in honor of Mr. Long; and

11 WHEREAS, upon Mr. Long's death in 2016, Dr. Steve Horton, director of the school,
12 said, "He was the most selfless man I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Without
13 his vision and forward-minded dedication to education in Louisiana, I am certain that the
14 Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts would not be positioned as it is in the
15 country"; and

16 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the board of directors of the Louisiana School of
17 Math, Science, and the Arts further acknowledge and record the extraordinary contributions
18 that Jimmy Long made to the school in a show of appreciation for his work as the school's
19 longtime champion and in celebration of his enduring legacy.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the board of directors of the Louisiana
22 School of Math, Science, and the Arts to commission a bust or statue of Jimmy D. Long, Sr.,
23 for placement on the campus in commemoration of his significant contributions to the school
24 and to provide for an accompanying kiosk to explain the vital role he played in the creation,
25 history, and success of the school.

DIGEST

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- (2) Provide for an accompanying kiosk to explain the vital role he played in the school's creation, history, and success.