

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, for his community service and his work with Son of a Saint to enhance the lives of fatherless boys in New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, of Son of a Saint for his many contributions and  
3 tireless service to his community and the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, a graduate of the University of New Orleans  
5 and son of Bivian Lee, Jr., a former defensive back for the New Orleans Saints, established  
6 Son of a Saint in 2011 in honor of his late father and single mother; Son of a Saint is a New  
7 Orleans-based nonprofit organization that provides mentoring and support services to boys  
8 whose fathers have died or been incarcerated; and

9 WHEREAS, the organization has been chipping away at the epidemic of  
10 fatherlessness in New Orleans, saving the lives of a growing family of fatherless boys and  
11 improving the quality of life for everyone in New Orleans for generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS, Sonny lost his own father after he suffered a heart attack at the age of  
13 thirty-six; his mother was left to raise Sonny and his older sister, Tamica; in founding Son  
14 of a Saint, Sonny aimed to "pay it forward" to fatherless young males in the community; and

15 WHEREAS, the organization utilizes a network of volunteers and community  
16 partners to ensure that fatherless boys have the opportunity to receive meaningful guidance  
17 and encouragement; every year boys ages ten to thirteen enter the program and remain  
18 involved until receiving their high school diplomas; and

19 WHEREAS, participants must maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA, complete eight hours  
20 of community service every month, and maintain good behavior at home and school and  
21 within the organization; and

1           WHEREAS, Son of a Saint was named as one of three organizations statewide  
2 selected by the Louisiana Department of Education to help facilitate the state's Tuition  
3 Donation Credit Program, a tax-credit scholarship program launched in 2012 designed to  
4 encourage donors to contribute to scholarship organizations that help students from low-  
5 income households access private learning options best suited to their needs; and

6           WHEREAS, in January 2019, Son of a Saint reached the significant milestone of  
7 serving one hundred fatherless boys; Sonny has made tremendous contributions to New  
8 Orleans and made the community a better place for young people.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, of Son of a Saint  
11 for his many contributions and tireless service to his community and the state of Louisiana;  
12 does hereby recognize and record for posterity the paramount progress Son of a Saint has  
13 made in the lives of so many boys; and does hereby commend Mr. Lee for the honor and  
14 prestige that he has brought to the state of Louisiana as a result of his work and service.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
16 Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III.

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DIGEST

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Commends Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, Son of a Saint in New Orleans for service to the community.