

2023 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. Commends South Highlands Elementary School on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend South Highlands Elementary School on its centennial celebration.

3 WHEREAS, the A.C. Steere Land Developing Company gifted a tract of land outside
4 of the Shreveport city limits for the construction of South Highlands Elementary School in
5 1922; and

6 WHEREAS, construction of South Highlands Elementary spurred growth in the
7 region, and the school now anchors an historic neighborhood, welcoming students from all
8 corners of the City of Shreveport; and

9 WHEREAS, South Highlands began as a community school and was recognized as
10 a magnet school in 1981; and

11 WHEREAS, South Highlands is now a performing arts and academic magnet school
12 that serves a diverse, multicultural student body of nearly five hundred students in
13 kindergarten through fifth grade; and

14 WHEREAS, South Highlands has been consistently recognized for excellence in
15 student and faculty achievement and holds the distinction of being the first Louisiana public
16 elementary school to be honored three times as a U.S. Department of Education National
17 Blue Ribbon School; and

18 WHEREAS, South Highlands is the first and only school in the nation to be

1 designated as the George Rodrigue Arts Integration Lab School and one of just fourteen
2 schools in the state selected as a George Rodrigue Foundation/Louisiana A+ Schools arts
3 integration school, promoting student understanding through forms of art; and

4 WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of South Highlands Elementary School seek to
5 build students into confident critical thinkers through a rigorous, dynamic, and innovative
6 curriculum focused not only on academics, but also exploration, through creative and
7 interactive experiences in art, music, drama, foreign languages, and STEM fields; and

8 WHEREAS, the students and faculty of South Highlands have amassed a substantial
9 collection of local and national awards in academics, art, literature, and music; and

10 WHEREAS, South Highlands faculty routinely shares its expertise and success with
11 other institutions, leading professional development through presentations and conferences
12 at both local and national levels; and

13 WHEREAS, the occasion of this centennial celebration afforded alumni and former
14 faculty and staff an opportunity to step back into the history and heritage of South Highlands
15 Elementary with campus tours, food, ceremonies, and other events.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 commend and congratulate South Highlands Elementary School on its exemplary legacy of
18 excellence in serving a diverse student body for over one hundred years, and does hereby
19 extend sincere hopes for many more years of continued success in building future leaders.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21 South Highlands Elementary School.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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Commends South Highlands Elementary School on the occasion of its one-hundredth
anniversary and its legacy of excellence in the academic community.