

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATORS PEACOCK AND MILLIGAN AND REPRESENTATIVES HORTON
AND PRESSLY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Fairfield Elementary School on its centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish school board President B. W. Marston first recognized the need for a school in the Cedar Grove community of Shreveport and led the Caddo Parish School Board to purchase a seven acre tract of land in 1922 for ten thousand five hundred dollars and invested one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to build Cedar Grove Elementary School which is modern day Fairfield Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Elementary School's journey was almost lost when the school was virtually destroyed by fire in December 1927, but the resilience of the community reopened the doors to learning the next August to five hundred eager first through seventh grade students; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Elementary School is recognized as the only global studies campus in North Louisiana offering students study in multiple languages, culture, art, geography, and music from nations around the world. Although recently added as the focus of the Fairfield Magnet School Program, global studies began at Fairfield Elementary School in 1947 with the annual theme for study of "Building foundations for world citizenship" during that academic year; and

WHEREAS, the year 2000 marked a change in Fairfield Elementary School moving the campus from a neighborhood school to serve students from across the parish. The campus serves students from diverse and multicultural backgrounds. The school is noted for its high student academic performance including being rated an "A" school by the Louisiana Department of Education. The campus goals of increasing academic achievement, improving school pride, and broadening parent and community involvement help to focus student achievement throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of Fairfield Elementary School shares its knowledge and experiences with other schools across the parish, state, and nation. The school believes that they are stronger together than alone and that when one individual is successful, everyone succeeds; and

WHEREAS, Bulldog pride has served thousands of students over the past one hundred years; Bulldog pride is defined by being kind but courageous, friendly but dignified, and fierce but loyal to excellence in all that Fairfield Elementary School students do; and

WHEREAS, the occasion of the centennial celebration allows Cedar Grove Elementary and Fairfield Elementary School alumni, as well as former faculty and staff, an opportunity to step back into the history and heritage of a family-focused neighborhood school to honor the past and look forward to the future with campus tours, ceremonies, celebrations, and events during the 2023-2024 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Fairfield Elementary School on its centennial celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Fairfield Elementary School.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES