

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To commend St. Scholastica Academy in Covington for one hundred twenty years of educating young women in the Benedictine tradition of prayer, work, study, and community.

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica Academy was founded by the Benedictine Sisters in 1902, and the academy's bell rang from its tower atop the four-story building for the first time on September 4, 1903; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica's bell rang again in 1910 to signal the dedication of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is the current location of the students' May crowning event; throughout the academy's early years, the bell rang for classes, Mass, and for the Angelus; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of New Orleans purchased St. Scholastica's Academy in 1965 and agreed to oversee the construction of a new school building; in 1967, the bell rang to announce the dedication of the new school buildings, and the academy officially became an Archdiocesan high school; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica's bell rang again on November 15, 2008, to announce the dedication of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel, which became the first official chapel on the campus in forty years; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica Academy is recognized by the United States Department of Education as a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and the academy is accredited by AdvancEd; additionally, the school has an enrollment of approximately four hundred seventy young women and an average class size of twenty-two students, giving each student the opportunity to be seen and heard in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica Academy is a leader in the use of technology for educational purposes; the school offers a one-to-one computing program for collaborative and creative learning, and its digital arts program and TV production studio provide students with opportunities for real world experience with industry grade film and graphic design software; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica's students are provided an environment that allows for the development of individual initiative and leadership, and they consistently outscore other schools around the state and across the nation on standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica Academy's extracurricular and athletic programs are also foundational aspects of the school's offerings; students are able to select between thirty-five extra-curricular activities and fifteen team sports; as a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, the "Doves" have earned numerous district and state championships in a variety of sports; and

WHEREAS, St. Scholastica Academy, its faculty, staff, and students are all worthy of the highest recognition for carrying on the school's beautiful Benedictine traditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend St. Scholastica Academy in Covington for one hundred twenty years of educating young women in the Benedictine tradition of prayer, work, study, and community and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the academy continue to serve the youth of Covington and the state of Louisiana for many years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES