

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Michael Shayne "Mike" Leach on his thirty-nine-year career as an educator

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Michael Shayne "Mike" Leach on his thirty-nine-year career as an educator.

3 WHEREAS, Mike Leach was born in New Orleans on February 22, 1945, in the final
4 year of the Second World War, a subject that he would study his entire adult life; he
5 graduated from Holy Rosary in 1958 and earned his high school diploma in 1962; and

6 WHEREAS, after having earned his Bachelor of Liberal Arts from Southeastern
7 Louisiana University in 1966, Mr. Leach went to work for an insurance company but, after
8 six months on the job, opted to trade his profession from insuring lives to ensuring young
9 people have the ability to live well-rounded lives; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Leach stepped on the oak-tree-shaded, historic, lower 9th
11 Ward campus of Holy Cross High School as a teacher, beginning a thirty-nine year tenure
12 which positively impacted the lives of an estimated 6,000 students; and

13 WHEREAS, while teaching at Holy Cross High School, Mike worked to enhance his
14 education credentials pursuing his certification at Loyola University New Orleans and
15 Master of Education degree; he earned his postgraduate degree in 1972; and

16 WHEREAS, Mike was highly regarded by his faculty peers and the school
17 administration; he served as Head of the English Department at Holy Cross High School
18 from 1973 until 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike, affectionately referred to as "Teach", was held in equally high
20 esteem by his students, who frequently requested that he deliver the commencement address
21 and participate in class photos; and

1 WHEREAS, Mike encouraged his pupils to engage in good-natured raillery, to
2 eschew the company of charlatans and mountebanks, to avoid the schemery of Lady
3 Macbeths, to beware of Big Brother, and to possess the courage of Beowulf when
4 confronting the Grendels of life; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Leach spent almost four decades intellectually molding thousands
6 of young men into "Holy Cross Men"—refined gentlemen who live by faith, devoted to the
7 soul's welfare, and often reflect on God; he was awarded an honorary diploma from Holy
8 Cross High School in 2006, officially recognizing him as a Holy Cross Man; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Leach's educational legacy has reached the state capitol in 2024
10 having taught four of the one hundred five members of the Louisiana House of
11 Representatives.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Michael Shayne "Mike" Leach on his
14 thirty-nine-year career as an educator at Holy Cross High School and does hereby extend
15 sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors and enjoy good health for
16 many years to come.

DIGEST

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Commends Michael Shayne "Mike" Leach on his 39-year career as an educator.