

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 332

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

COMMENDATIONS: Commemorates Homer High School on the occasion of the institution's one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Homer High School on the occasion of the one hundred twenty-fifth
3 anniversary of the institution.

4 WHEREAS, Homer High School was established in 1900 and serves as the flagship
5 secondary educational institution of Claiborne Parish; upon opening, the school employed
6 six teachers and served one hundred-fifty students, and the original school building housed
7 both elementary and high school; and

8 WHEREAS, Homer High School awarded its first two diplomas in 1902 to Maggie
9 Gladney and Leslie Kimball; the graduating class of 1903 had four students, and the class
10 of 1904 graduated six students; the graduation ceremonies were held in the old Kinebrew
11 Opera House; and

12 WHEREAS, under Principal O.B. Staples from 1911 to 1914, Homer High School
13 became one of three schools in Louisiana whose graduates would be accredited to colleges
14 and universities without an exam; and

15 WHEREAS, Homer High School originally used an area around McCasland Street
16 and the Homer fairgrounds for athletic practices and events; the current school building was
17 completed in 1928 and the school halls remain adorned with the senior photos of every
18 graduating class since 1927; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Homer High School has been successful in
20 literary and music rallies, science and social studies fairs, and athletic and artistic
21 competitions at the district, state, and national levels; Homer Band Director Dr. Charlie

1 Roberts, a Homer High alumnus and music composer, went on to become a legendary band
2 director at Louisiana State University, and many current and former teachers and coaches
3 have been honored with scholarships in their names; and

4 WHEREAS, Homer High School has four state football championships and has
5 competed in eight title games, most recently in 2021; three of the school's football coaches
6 have received Louisiana High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year Honors:
7 Coach Stewart, Coach Gossett, and Coach Casey; additionally, Coach Ronny G. Beard, the
8 school's former principal and namesake of its football stadium, was recently inducted into
9 the Louisiana Sports Writers Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, the Homer High School baseball program claimed the state baseball title
11 in 1979, and the school has numerous district and state track championships; and

12 WHEREAS, the Homer High School Future Business Leaders of America is a
13 recognized leader in business educational scholarships and awards, and it has received both
14 state and national recognition through the sponsorship of the school's dean of students and
15 assistant principal, David Robinson; and

16 WHEREAS, Homer High School is a pillar of educational excellence in Claiborne
17 Parish and the state of Louisiana, and its administrators, teachers, staff, and students are
18 most deserving of the highest recognition for their continued achievements.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Homer High School on the occasion of the
21 one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution and does hereby express enduring
22 appreciation for the school's many contributions to the state.

DIGEST

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Commends Homer High School on the occasion of the institution's 125th anniversary.