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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former Southern University band director Dr. Isaac Greggs

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express condolences upon the death of Dr. Isaac Greggs, long-time band director at
3 Southern University in Baton Rouge.

4 WHEREAS, the great trumpet sounded on April 28, 2014, calling home the often
5 imitated but never duplicated Shreveport native Dr. Isaac "Doc" Greggs, band director at
6 Southern University in Baton Rouge for thirty-seven years; and

7 WHEREAS, Doc Greggs created the Marching Band From Jaguarland at Southern
8 University and was chief composer of the unique flair and flavor exhibited by his musicians
9 as they took on the moniker that best described them: The Human Jukebox; and

10 WHEREAS, Southern University's marching bands played at six Super Bowls, four
11 Sugar Bowls, and three presidential inaugurations with Doc Greggs as director; and

12 WHEREAS, the influence of Doc Greggs extended beyond the band room and
13 performance venues of the musicians who played for him; a significant number of his
14 students have become band directors and musicians of note around the country, and the
15 principles of dedication and commitment he instilled in his students shaped many of them
16 into leaders in careers outside of music; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Greggs was a charter member of Delta Upsilon Lambda and was
2 an active member of Beta Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the musical genius of Dr. Isaac Greggs was formally recognized in
5 2013, when he was inducted into the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, the music building on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University,
7 formerly known as Dubose Music Hall, recently was renamed the Isaac Greggs Band Hall
8 in his honor; and

9 WHEREAS, Doc Greggs communicated to his students the need to "be at the right
10 time, at the right place, with the right equipment ready to concentrate", a mantra that applies
11 beyond the realm of music, and with his departure from this Earthly life to his Heavenly
12 home, it is fitting to note that Dr. Isaac Greggs is now at the right place, making beautiful
13 music for all eternity.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 express sincere condolences upon the passing of Dr. Isaac Greggs; does hereby extend
16 deepest sympathies to family and friends as they mourn the absence of his presence; does
17 hereby herald his legacy of music at Southern University and recognize his stylistic impact
18 on bands around the country; and does hereby share in the prayers of the citizens of the state
19 in comfort and fond remembrances of the sweet sounds that emanated from this musical
20 icon.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted
22 to the family of Dr. Isaac Greggs.

DIGEST

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