

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts upon its selection as the state's program partner for Turnaround Arts, an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts upon its selection as the state's
3 program partner for Turnaround Arts, an initiative of the President's Committee on
4 the Arts and the Humanities.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the George Rodrigue Foundation of the
6 Arts upon its selection as Louisiana's program partner for Turnaround Arts, an initiative of
7 the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities; and

8 WHEREAS, Turnaround Arts is a public-private partnership that uses the arts to help
9 narrow the achievement gap, increase student engagement, and improve the culture and
10 climate in the country's highest poverty schools; and

11 WHEREAS, led by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities,
12 together with local partners, Turnaround Arts brings high quality arts education resources
13 to low-performing elementary and middle schools and helps them use these resources to
14 improve attendance, parent engagement, and student motivation; and

15 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts, which
16 advocates the importance of the arts in the development of youth, encourages the use of art
17 within all curricula, and supports a variety of art educational programs, has been chosen as
18 the local partner for Turnaround Arts; and

1 WHEREAS, through its Louisiana A+ Schools program, which has the mission of
2 nurturing creativity in every learner, the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts will work
3 with Homer A. Plessy Community School in New Orleans, St. Helena Arts and Technology
4 Academy in Greensburg, and Homer Elementary School in Homer, Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, resources for these schools, upon their addition to the Louisiana A+
6 Schools network, will include arts supplies, musical instruments, teacher training, and
7 funding for partnerships with community arts education and cultural organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, New Orleans native Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews and Alfre
9 Woodard, both Turnaround Artists, are "adopting" these schools and will work directly with
10 students to support their arts education; and

11 WHEREAS, the legacy of George Rodrigue, an American master and one of
12 Louisiana's finest sons, continues to inspire his fellow citizens, and the George Rodrigue
13 Foundation of the Arts merits a special measure of commendation upon this memorable
14 occasion.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 commend the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts upon its selection as the state's
17 program partner for Turnaround Arts, an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts
18 and the Humanities, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the foundation's positive
19 impact on the lives of people of Louisiana, particularly the state's children, and does hereby
20 extend sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that the late
21 George Rodrigue, the Rodrigue family, and the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts
22 bring to the state of Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to the executive director of the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts.

DIGEST

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