

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN, HUNTER, JACKSON, AND JAY MORRIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Crosley Elementary School in West Monroe upon the celebration of its centennial anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Crosley Elementary School in West Monroe upon its centennial anniversary
3 celebration.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Crosley Elementary School in West
5 Monroe, Louisiana, upon the joyful, memorable, and historic occasion of its centennial
6 anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, Crosley Elementary School holds a special place in the history of
8 Ouachita Parish as the parish's first school that stood as a permanent structure on the west
9 side of the Ouachita River; and

10 WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of Crosley Elementary School, the only public
11 school in West Monroe was a two-room wooden structure, known as Haynes School, in Old
12 Trenton, and most West Monroe children attended school across the river in Monroe; and

13 WHEREAS, a bond issue was approved in 1913 to build the first brick school
14 building in the western part of Ouachita Parish, and the school site was donated in 1914 by
15 E.S. and Stella Crosley Eby and J.T. and Clayton Crosley Austin; and

16 WHEREAS, the school was constructed in the middle of a cotton field, just west of
17 the original town of Trenton; it was named West Monroe Grammar School and offered first
18 through sixth grades; and its students came to class by wagon; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1929, a new wing with twelve additional classrooms, an auditorium,
20 and a cafeteria was dedicated, and the name of the school was changed to Crosley Grammar

1 School; during the Great Depression, this cafeteria played an important role in supplying
2 meals to students in a time of great need; and

3 WHEREAS, the school remained West Monroe's flagship school well into the 1950s,
4 and the school became more competitive in extracurricular activities, including a winning
5 football team, basketball for boys and girls, chorus, band, and numerous clubs; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1971, fire destroyed most of the school, and in 1974, a new wing
7 containing four classrooms and a library was completed; by the end of the 1970s, the school
8 had transformed into a prekindergarten and kindergarten center, and today it serves schools
9 in the western half of Ouachita Parish that do not offer such programs; and

10 WHEREAS, these grades lay a vital foundation for students, and Crosley helps them
11 to develop into lifelong learners and sets them on a path to success in the classroom and in
12 life; and

13 WHEREAS, the Crosley Elementary School family, past and present, are gathering
14 on Sunday, February 26, 2017, in the school auditorium to celebrate the school's special
15 legacy over the course of a century; and

16 WHEREAS, as it celebrates one hundred years as a true Ouachita Parish institution,
17 Crosley Elementary School merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for its
18 enduring commitment to excellence in education.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Crosley Elementary School upon its
21 centennial anniversary celebration and does hereby recognize and record for posterity the
22 tremendous pride and honor that this exemplary school brings to the city of West Monroe,
23 Ouachita Parish, the state of Louisiana, and all who have walked its halls over the past one
24 hundred years.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to Tracey Flaherty, principal of Crosley Elementary School, and Dr. Don Coker,
27 superintendent of the Ouachita Parish School System.

DIGEST

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Hoffmann

Commends Crosley Elementary School in W. Monroe upon its centennial anniversary.