

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charles W. Ross for his many civic accomplishments and to recognize the observance of Charles W. Ross Day on April 29, 2017, in the city of Opelousas.

WHEREAS, Charles W. Ross was born to Beatrice Mantell, a single mother, and was raised in Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross married his high school sweetheart, Wilda Alsandor, on April 7, 1955, and he has been blessed with four sons, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Charles Ross answered the call of duty to his country and served in the United States Army from 1953-1955 and was discharged honorably; and

WHEREAS, he received a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in education with a specialization in guidance from Southern University; from there, Mr. Ross launched a long and distinguished career in education: from 1959-1971, Charles Ross taught history at Washington Elementary School and Dunbar High School; from 1970-1972, he served on the board of Holy Ghost High School; from 1971-1984, he was a counselor at Washington High School; from 1974-1976, Mr. Ross served on the board at Opelousas Catholic High School; from 1978-1984, he was a counselor at the St. Landry Parish Group Home for boys; and from 1985-1991, he was the principal of East Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was an assistant to Mayor John Joseph and supervisor of all Opelousas City Department heads from 1991-1994; he also served as a member of the St. Landry Parish Head Start board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Charles Ross is a board member of CASA of St. Landry-Evangeline, Inc. and the St. Landry Federal Credit Union and a member of the St. Landry Parish school board; and

WHEREAS, Charles W. Ross has been a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church since 1934 and is a lay leader and a member of the Male Group and the choir; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his many contributions to Opelousas and St. Landry Parish, Mayor Reginald Tatum and the Board of Alderman of Opelousas have proclaimed April 29, 2017, as Charles W. Ross Day in the city, and it is fitting to salute this fine son of Louisiana upon the observance of his special day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles W. Ross for his educational, civic, and religious contributions to the Opelousas community and does hereby express best hopes for a happy observance of Charles W. Ross Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017, in the city of Opelousas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles W. Ross.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES