



1 National Band and Orchestra Festival; the group spent four days in a Manhattan luxury  
2 hotel, attended the Broadway Musical "Carousel", and visited the 9/11 Museum as an  
3 adjunct to the primary purpose of their visit; and

4 WHEREAS, the Baker High School Symphonic Band was privileged to premier  
5 "Heroes", composed by Ayatey Shabazz; Mr. Shabazz worked with the band for three days  
6 prior to their departure to New York and participated with them in a conductor-composer  
7 clinic, along with famed composer Robert Sheldon who is well known as one of the most  
8 performed composers of wind band music; and

9 WHEREAS, for their amazing achievements in 2018 and their performance in New  
10 York at the WorldStrides OnStage festival, each band member received the Superintendent's  
11 Award at the April Baker School Board meeting; the band program and director were  
12 recognized at the LSU Stately Oaks Band Festival, and they also were honored at the  
13 Southern University President-Chancellor's Spring Concert; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Director Earvin and Principal Traci Morgan, and  
15 with the support of the city of Baker school board and district and local administrators, the  
16 hard work and discipline of the cadre of talented young musicians at Baker High School  
17 have resulted in achievements that merit hearty recognition and praise; and

18 WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to excellence, these student musicians  
19 and Director Earvin reflect immense credit upon Baker High School, their families, and the  
20 entire community, and they are truly deserving of special commendation.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 commend the Baker High School Symphonic Band for a superior 2018 performance season;  
23 does hereby congratulate them on their debut of the composition by Ayatey Shabazz in the  
24 WorldStrides OnStage National Band and Orchestra Festival in New York City; and does  
25 hereby express sincere and best wishes for continued individual and group successes for  
26 band members and Director William Earvin.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
28 to William Earvin, Baker High School Symphonic Band director.

DIGEST

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Commends the Baker High School Symphonic Band for its many achievements and awards and for its performance at Carnegie Hall in New York.