

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Baker High School Symphonic Band for its performance at Carnegie Hall.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Baker High School Symphonic Band for being selected and performing at  
3 the 2018 National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

4 WHEREAS, the Baker High School Symphonic Band is known as the "Symphony  
5 of Soul"; and

6 WHEREAS, after viewing photos of the devastating 2016 flood's effects on the  
7 band's hall, music composer Ayatey Shabazz created this special piece just for them titled  
8 "Regenesis" to commemorate Baker High School Symphonic Band's rise and perseverance  
9 after the August 2016 flood; and

10 WHEREAS, the band's performance of "Regenesis" at the Louisiana Concert Band,  
11 the WorldStrides OnStage Music Festival and the Louisiana Music Educators Association  
12 State Band Festival earned it top ratings; and

13 WHEREAS, some band members and parents say they knew this would be a historic  
14 year for the band after following band director William J. Earvin's instructions to "let their  
15 emotions come out in playing Regenesis", which resulted in a performance filled with deep  
16 emotions; and

17 WHEREAS, the Baker High School Symphonic Band's performance has earned a  
18 record twenty awards during this school year and scored all superiors at state festivals; and

1 WHEREAS, the Baker High School Symphonic Band earned superior ratings at the  
2 LMEA's District IV Festival; and

3 WHEREAS, the band's historic year of awards has lead to its senior class walking  
4 away with a combined \$1.3 million in college band scholarships; and

5 WHEREAS, the "Symphony of Soul" performed another original piece at Carnegie  
6 Hall on March 31, 2018, composed by Ayatey Shabazz, which honors black composers.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
8 does hereby commend the members and director of the Baker High School Symphonic Band  
9 for performing in the 2018 National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall and does  
10 hereby celebrate its memorable and historic accomplishments achieved post-flood, as they  
11 represent their school, community, and our state through their "Symphony of Soul"  
12 performances.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
14 William J. Earvin, band director.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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