

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Larry J. Pannell on his retirement as band director at Grambling State University

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Larry J. Pannell upon the occasion of his retirement as the Grambling State
3 University music department head and director of bands and to thank him for his
4 many years of service to the youth of this state through the sharing of his love of
5 music.

6 WHEREAS, after twenty-six years as the band director of the world-renowned
7 Grambling State University Marching Tigers, Dr. Larry J. Pannell has announced his
8 retirement effective July 1, 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Doc", Dr. Pannell graduated from Grambling
10 State University, with a bachelor of science; he went on to earn a master of music education
11 from Louisiana Tech University and a doctorate of musical arts from the American
12 Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Grambling State University faculty in 1992, Dr.
14 Pannell taught music at schools in California and Louisiana for nineteen years; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell has directly trained more than five thousand student
16 members of the Grambling State University Marching Tigers; under his guidance, the band
17 has participated in more than three hundred national performances, including performances
18 at three presidential inaugurations and Super Bowl XXXII and appearances in a number of
19 documentaries and commercials; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell scored the sound track for "Drumline", the 2002 film; he
21 also scored five musical compositions for the movie "The Great Debaters" in 2007; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Pannell has been a member of numerous professional organizations,
2 including the Louisiana Music Educators Association, American Federation of Teachers,
3 Southwestern Athletic Conference Band Directors Association, Kappa Kappa Psi honorary
4 band fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha professional music fraternity; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry J. Pannell is a true living legend, and while he will be sorely
6 missed at Grambling State University, he will forever be a cherished part of the Grambling
7 State University family; and

8 WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that a special measure of commendation be
9 extended in celebration of Dr. Larry J. Pannell, a talented and treasured individual who will
10 forever be an inspiration to the countless students, musicians, colleagues, friends, relatives,
11 and citizens whose lives he has touched.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Larry J. Pannell, upon the occasion of
14 his retirement as the Grambling State University music department head and director of
15 bands, and thank him for his many years of service to the youth of this state through the
16 sharing of his love of music; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding
17 accomplishments and singular contributions as the leader of the world-renowned Marching
18 Tigers; does hereby express to this fine gentleman enduring gratitude for the pride and honor
19 that he brings to Grambling State University and to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby
20 extend to him very best wishes for success and happiness as he embarks on new endeavors.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Dr. Larry J. Pannell.

DIGEST

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