

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the St. Augustine High School, class of 1989, on its thirty-year class reunion

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the St. Augustine High School alumni class of 1989 on its thirtieth  
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, on October 31 through November 3, 2019, the former students of St.  
5 Augustine High School will celebrate their thirty-year high school class reunion in New  
6 Orleans, and it is appropriate to welcome them back home and to wish them a blessed, safe,  
7 and joyous reunion; and

8 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School was founded in 1951 by the Society of St.  
9 Joseph of the Sacred Heart through the Youth Progress Program of the Archdiocese of New  
10 Orleans; and

11 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School is the training ground for leadership through  
12 academic excellence, moral values, Christian responsibility, and reasonable, consistent  
13 discipline; and

14 WHEREAS, the goals of St. Augustine High School are to open its doors to young  
15 men, especially the economically disadvantaged, who are willing to strive for excellence and  
16 to develop each individual to the fullness of his own unique capacity; and

17 WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School has always been focused on fostering  
18 Christian values based on the sacred scriptures and Roman Catholic tradition, and providing  
19 each student with educational opportunities and experiences related to his African American  
20 heritage and his American citizenship; and

1           WHEREAS, it is vitally important to instill in each student the responsibilities of  
2 leadership in family, church, community, and society-at-large; and

3           WHEREAS, with the Josephites leading the charge on the school's construction,  
4 oversight, and administration, St. Augustine has made history as a prominent academic  
5 institution and driver of civic leadership in New Orleans and the South; and

6           WHEREAS, in 1967, St. Augustine won a legal battle, which led to the desegregation  
7 of Louisiana high school sports and to the school's admittance into the Louisiana High  
8 School Athletic Association; and

9           WHEREAS, St. Augustine's early alumni blazed trails in collegiate atmospheres  
10 where African Americans were once excluded; and

11           WHEREAS, today, while St. Augustine now welcomes students of any national or  
12 ethnic background, it remains the leading secondary school for black males in Louisiana and  
13 is nationally recognized in educational circles for outstanding success in preparing its  
14 students for higher education.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the St. Augustine High  
17 School, class of 1989, on its thirty-year class reunion and does hereby express best wishes  
18 for a joyous gathering of which the bonds of old friendships are renewed and strengthened.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 president of St. Augustine High School and the president of St. Augustine High School  
21 Alumni Association.

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DIGEST

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