

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bernard "Bunny" Newell, Sr., on walking during the graduation ceremony for the St. Augustine Senior High School Class of 2021.

WHEREAS, Bernard "Bunny" Newell, Sr., entered the ninth grade at St. Augustine Senior High School in New Orleans in 1968; he was scheduled to receive his diploma in May 1971 but was drafted into service during the Vietnam War prior to graduation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newell's life shifted from the halls of high school to the jungles of Vietnam; he went on to enjoy a decorated, forty-year career in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Sergeant Major/E9; during his Army career, he met and married his wife, Wanda; and

WHEREAS, Bernard is the proud father of three children, Tonell Newell, Bernard Newell, Jr., and Louisiana State Representative Candace N. Newell; he also has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, in observation of what would have been the fiftieth anniversary of Bernard's high school graduation, St. Augustine Senior High School is inviting him to walk across the stage with the graduating class of 2021 at the graduation ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Bernard "Bunny" Newell, Sr., is most deserving of recognition for his personal sacrifice, perseverance, patriotism, and unwavering sense of duty on the occasion of what would be the fiftieth anniversary of his high school graduation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bernard "Bunny" Newell, Sr., on walking

during the graduation ceremony for the St. Augustine Senior High School Class of 2021; does hereby recognize Mr. Newell's incredible sacrifice in answering the call to fight for his country; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that he continue to receive proper recognition for his inspiring commitment to his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bernard Newell, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES