

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 1, 2022, as World Famed Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the world famous Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band has a long and distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, the band was formed by Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones; and

WHEREAS, Conrad Hutchinson, Jr., became director of the band in 1952, and he swiftly embarked upon a plan to make the organization the best marching band in the land; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 and 1968, the band performed in Super Bowls I and II; indeed, the band's 1967 performance in Super Bowl I has been named as one of the top ten Super Bowl halftime shows by *Sports Illustrated* magazine; and

WHEREAS, the band played in Monrovia, Liberia, at the inauguration of Liberian President William R. Tolbert in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the band performed in the first-ever Pioneer Bowl in Tokyo, Japan, and a year later, the band performed at the Mirage Bowl in the same city; in 1982, band members were special guests of the Emperor of Japan and performed in Osaka; and

WHEREAS, the world famous Grambling State University band marched in the inaugural parades for President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama and participated in the virtual inauguration for President Joe Biden; and

WHEREAS, the band has marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade twice and performed in the Star Wars Spectacular; and

WHEREAS, the band has numerous film credits, including "Grambling's White Tiger", "Drumline", the award-winning Denzel Washington film, "The Great Debators", and "Season of the Tiger"; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its long and illustrious career, the band has performed at countless athletic events, including NFL and NBA events; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its other accomplishments, band members are distinguished by their academic performance; indeed, the band averages about one hundred sixty students with a grade point average of 3.00 or higher; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the House of Representatives to honor the world famous Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band for its impressive accomplishments and distinguished history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate April 1, 2022, as World Famed Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band Day in Louisiana and does hereby commend the band members and the entire organization for their manifold accomplishments and for being a continuing source of pride for the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES