



1           WHEREAS, Ms. Smith personally selected her thirty-two member teaching staff  
2 from over four hundred applicants and chose an additional seven part-time professionals  
3 from the community to teach courses such as gymnastics, ballet, drama, and architecture;  
4 the school's second principal, Mary Rounds, was a member of the original faculty; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Smith accepted six hundred ninth and tenth grade students out of  
6 the nine hundred student applicants to attend Caddo Parish Magnet High School and  
7 personally welcomed each of them on the day of the school's opening in August 1980; each  
8 school year saw a new freshman class added, and within two years, Caddo Parish Magnet  
9 High School offered a full four-year program; and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. Smith's incredible dedication and hard work resulted in Caddo  
11 Parish Magnet High School becoming fully accredited by the Southern Association of  
12 Colleges and Schools in 1983; the school maintains its four-year program status, and its  
13 enrollment fluctuates between one thousand and one thousand two hundred fifty students;  
14 the school consistently ranks among the top high schools in Louisiana, and *U.S. News &*  
15 *World Report* ranked it as the seventh-best high school in Louisiana for the 2021-2022  
16 school year; and

17           WHEREAS, Ms. Ascension Smith is a truly incredible leader, and she is most  
18 deserving of the highest recognition for overseeing the creation and growth of Caddo Parish  
19 Magnet High School and building a secured foundation for the school's continued success.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ascension Smith, founding principal of  
22 Caddo Parish Magnet High School, on her accomplishments and does hereby extend  
23 sincerest wishes that she continue to enjoy good health and prosperity in her retirement.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
25 Ascension Smith.

DIGEST

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