

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School Reunion and welcomes them to Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School upon the celebration of its 2013  
3 High School Reunion.

4 WHEREAS, on June 21 through June 23, 2013, the former faculty, staff, and students  
5 of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School will celebrate their 2013 High School  
6 Reunion in Oak Grove, Louisiana, and it is appropriate to welcome them back home and to  
7 wish them a blessed, safe, and joyous reunion; and

8 WHEREAS, Cedar Grove School was erected in 1922, and later became Combs  
9 McIntyre High School in 1955; and

10 WHEREAS, until 1969, when a major portion of the Oak Grove school burned down,  
11 Combs McIntyre was the only school in Oak Grove that African American students could  
12 attend; and

13 WHEREAS, during the 1950s and 1960s, the educational opportunities for blacks  
14 in West Carroll Parish were minimal; there was one high school, one junior high school, and  
15 seven elementary schools, which were all severely understaffed and consisted of mainly one  
16 room; and

17 WHEREAS, two prominent black leaders at the time, Cube Combs, a progressive  
18 activist, and Lou McIntyre, a wealthy philanthropist, gave selflessly and tirelessly of their  
19 time, talents, and money to create a high school for the black students of West Carroll  
20 Parish, which provided them with a sufficient and adequate education and school facility;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. McIntyre furnishing land for the school at a nominal  
2 price and Mr. Combs' vision, leadership, and determination for building a new school, the  
3 new facility was named Combs McIntyre High School in their honor; and

4           WHEREAS, the first students to graduate from Combs McIntyre High School in May  
5 1955 were Frankie D. Nelson, Hattie B. Coleman, Ida Faye Cobb, Auther Fisher, Annette  
6 Mare Gordon, Charles Pittman, Albert Brown, Allean Henderson, Ruth Henderson, Earl K.  
7 Jackson, Simon Leggart, Irene Ruffin, Norval Randolph, and Willie D. Williams; and

8           WHEREAS, Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School alumni remember their  
9 school fondly as a great place to learn, a happy place to play, a wonderful place to spend  
10 time with friends, and a place where love was shared and discipline was enforced; and

11           WHEREAS, State Representative Roy Burrell is a proud alumnus of Combs  
12 McIntyre High School; and

13           WHEREAS, the historical significance of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High  
14 School will forever remain in the hearts and minds of all who worked at or attended this  
15 historic institution, and it is fitting to extend to them best wishes for a joyous, safe, and  
16 successful reunion.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby welcome the faculty, staff, and alumni of Cedar Grove-  
19 Combs McIntyre High School back home to Louisiana, does hereby commemorate the  
20 enduring legacy and significant impact that Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School  
21 made in the Oak Grove community and West Carroll Parish, and does hereby extend full  
22 measures of happiness and prosperity to all participants of the 2013 Cedar Grove-Combs  
23 McIntyre High School Reunion.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
25 to Glenese Tolbert, chair of the 2013 Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School Reunion  
26 Committee.

DIGEST

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