

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend veterans who attended Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School for their honorable service to the United States military upon the celebration of their 2013 High School Reunion.

WHEREAS, on June 21 through June 23, 2013, the former faculty, staff, and students of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School will celebrate their 2013 High School Reunion in Oak Grove, Louisiana, and it is appropriate to welcome the veterans who attended this historic institution back home and to extend enduring appreciation for their inspiring display of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, forty-nine alumni of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School have served in the United States Army: Freddie Anderson, Douglas McAuthur Brown, James Burrell, Curtis Craft, Melvin Craft, Melva Nelson Gale, Authur B. Gallien, Kenneth Gibson, R.C. Gipson, Robert L. Hamilton, Eddie Hawkins, Otis Henderson, Knoris E. Holloway, Jackie Johnson, Dan W. Martin, James Tyrone "Mook" Martin, Marlon Martin, Johnnie Miller, Roy Lee Milton, Panama Mosby, Roddy Rogers, Carl E. Rosby, Gene A. Rosby, Michael Rosby, William R. Rosby, J.C. Rucker, Joseph Rucker, Samuel Sanders, Grady Smith, Auther Toston, Willie S. Turner, Johnny West, Shelton West, Carl Weston, James Earl "Buck" Whiteside, and Lonnie Wiley; and deceased are Curtis Bowie, Jerry Davis, Robert Epting, H. Gooley, Michael Ray Marshall, Albert J. Mitchell, Charlie Will Mitchell, Roderick Mitchell, Clifford Rosby, Jr., Odell Rucker, Bobby Starks, Danny Whiteside, and Larry Whiteside; and

WHEREAS, twelve alumni of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School have served in the United States Army Louisiana National Guard: John Henry Craft, James L. Gordon, Junior L. Jones, Billy Ray McDaniel, Herman Mayers, Rodney Mayers, Samuel Mayers, Donald Ray Robinson, James Calvin Robinson, and André Williams; and deceased are Morris Blackmon and John Lee Brown; and

WHEREAS, eight alumni of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School have served in the United States Marine Corps: Hugh "Houston" Blackmon, Robert "Monday" Daniel, Jacob Evans, Jerry Evans, Donald Harrington, and Herman Willie "HW" Whiteside; and deceased are Buford Briggs and William Earl Thomas; and

WHEREAS, twelve alumni of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School have served in the United States Air Force: Bennie Butler, Robert Earl Butler, Otis Davis, Eddie Gipson, Nathan "Piggy Boo" Howard, Kenneth L. Nelson, Franklin D. Nelson, Cornelius Thomas, and Robert Turner; and deceased are Lonnie Nelson, Jr., Robert Parker, and Samuel Weston; and

WHEREAS, seven alumni of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School have served in the United States Navy: Johnny Butler, Willie E. Epting, Willie James Johnson, Pamela Nelson Keys, and Roosevelt Pugh; and deceased are Marion "Buck" Anderson and Willie Mann, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, these distinguished warriors have upheld the highest traditions of the United States of America, and have brought great pride to Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School, their families and friends, their communities, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, the fallen heroes who attended Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School merit a sincere and heartfelt measure of posthumous commendation for making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the veterans who attended this fine institution merit a special measure of commendation as they are welcomed with the utmost admiration and respect to the state of Louisiana for their actions and commitment uphold the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces, and they bring tremendous pride to their families, their fellow citizens, and the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the veterans who attended Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School for their service to the United States military, does hereby recognize and record for posterity their vital contributions and their tireless dedication to military excellence, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor they bring to the citizens of Louisiana, and does hereby extend full measures of happiness and prosperity to all participants of the 2013 Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School Reunion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby express heartfelt and abiding appreciation to those brave American men and women who daily carry out the military, diplomatic, and intelligence initiatives necessary to protect freedom in the world and does hereby recognize and honor the veterans of Cedar Grove-Combs McIntyre High School and all members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives while fighting for their country and laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES