

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

A RESOLUTION

To commend the founders and students of Roots of Music, a not-for-profit music education and academic mentoring program in New Orleans, for their extraordinary musical accomplishments and for the pride and honor they bring to their city and state.

WHEREAS, the Roots of Music is a free, year-round music education program for middle school children in New Orleans that fills a void in music education and programming and reaches countless youth who might not otherwise be exposed to music education; and

WHEREAS, founded by the multitalented and dedicated Derrick Tabb and Allison Reinhardt, the program has the following objectives: to build a nationally recognized marching band, to keep children off the street, to bring children from different parts of the city together, to support economic development efforts in the city of New Orleans, and to develop talent for New Orleans Center for Creative Arts/Riverside (NOCCA) and other intensive music programs; and

WHEREAS, the program provides music education in history, theory, instrumental instruction, and ensemble performance, all participants in the Roots of Music are required to maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average at their respective schools in order to participate, and academic tutoring is provided to all students; and

WHEREAS, the Marching Crusaders, the Roots of Music marching band, has been selected to march in the one hundred twenty-fourth Tournament of the Roses parade on January 1, 2013, in Pasadena, California, which is a truly monumental achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Marching Crusaders were selected because of their award-winning style in musical sound and exceptional skills in precision marching and will be one of only approximately twenty outstanding musical groups from across the United States performing in this historic parade, which is a beloved tradition and is viewed annually by millions of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Roots of Music program serves one hundred students and is so popular that there is a waiting list; and

WHEREAS, the founders and students of the Roots of Music merit a special measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor that they bring to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the founders and students of the Roots of Music, a not-for-profit music education and academic mentoring program in New Orleans, for their outstanding musical accomplishments, does hereby express enduring appreciation for their dedication to excellence, and does hereby extend to them best wishes for full measures of continued success and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the founders of the Roots of Music.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES