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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kevin R. George upon receiving the VH1 Save The Music Foundation's 12th Annual Administrator Award for Distinguished Support of Music Education

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District Superintendent Kevin R.
3	George upon being awarded the 12th Annual VH1 Save the Music Foundation Award
4	for Distinguished Support of Music Education.
5	WHEREAS, Kevin R. George is the superintendent of the St. John the Baptist Parish
6	Public School District in Reserve, Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, during the National Conference on Education of the AASA, The School
8	Superintendents Association, held in March of 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. George
9	was awarded the 12th Annual VH1 Save the Music Foundation Administrator Award for
10	Distinguished Support of Music Education; and
11	WHEREAS, the VH1 Save the Music Foundation Administrator Award for
12	Distinguished Support of Music Education recognizes one superintendent or school chief
13	executive officer who has exhibited outstanding commitment to restoring music education
14	in his or her school district; and
15	WHEREAS, Mr. George was chosen to receive this distinguished award for his deep
16	commitment to providing St. John the Baptist Parish students with music education as part
17	of the community's well-rounded curriculum; and
18	WHEREAS, the VH1 Save The Music Foundation is a nonprofit organization
19	founded in 1997 and dedicated to restoring instrumental music education programs in

1 America's public schools and raising awareness about the importance of music as part of 2 each child's complete education; and 3 WHEREAS, when the VH1 Save the Music Foundation began its partnership with 4 St. John the Baptist Parish public schools in 2013, there were no music programs in any 5 kindergarten through eighth grade schools in Mr. George's district; and 6 WHEREAS, Mr. George, along with the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, made it 7 his mission to bring music education back for all students in all kindergarten through eighth 8 grade schools in his district; and 9 WHEREAS, since 2013, Mr. George has hired eight full-time music teachers; and 10 with Mr. George's commitment, the VH1 Save the Music Foundation has donated \$170,000 11 worth of new musical instruments to West St. John Elementary, LaPlace Elementary, John 12 L. Ory Communication Arts Magnet School, Emily C. Watkins Elementary, and Garyville-13 Mt. Airy Math & Science Magnet School, and is planning to donate band instruments to the 14 remaining three schools in the district by fall of 2017; and 15 WHEREAS, Mr. George's work in the St. John the Baptist Parish School District has 16 been a shining example of what public school music programs should strive to achieve; and 17 WHEREAS, through Mr. George's partnership with the VH1 Save the Music 18 Foundation and the St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District, all public schools in 19 that parish now have full-time music teachers and will have thriving band programs by the 20 fall of 2017. 21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Kevin R. George upon being awarded VH1 Save the Music Foundation's 12th Annual Administrator Award for 23 24 Distinguished Support of Music Education and his commitment to ensuring equitable access 25 to music and the arts for all students in St. John the Baptist Parish. 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 27 to Mr. Kevin R. George.

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