



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  
23 being awarded VH1 Save the Music Foundation's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Administrator Award for  
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.

DIGEST

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Commends Kevin R. George upon being awarded the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual VH1 Save the Music Foundation Award for Distinguished Support of Music Education.