

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Augustine High School alumni class of 1979 on its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, on October 31 through November 3, 2019, former students of St. Augustine High School will celebrate their forty-year high school class reunion in New Orleans, and it is appropriate to welcome them back home and to wish them a blessed, safe, and joyous reunion; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School was founded in 1951 by the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart through the Youth Progress Program of the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School is the training ground for leadership through academic excellence, moral values, Christian responsibility, and reasonable, consistent discipline; and

WHEREAS, the goals of St. Augustine High School are to open its doors to young men, especially the economically disadvantaged, who are willing to strive for excellence and to develop each individual to the fullness of his own unique capacity; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School has always been focused on fostering Christian values based on the sacred scriptures and Roman Catholic tradition, and providing each student with educational opportunities and experiences related to his African American heritage and his American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to instill in each student the responsibilities of leadership in family, church, community, and society-at-large; and

WHEREAS, with the Josephites leading the charge on the school's construction, oversight, and administration, St. Augustine has made history as a prominent academic institution and driver of civic leadership in New Orleans and the South; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, St. Augustine won a legal battle, which led to the desegregation of Louisiana high school sports and to the school's admittance into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's early alumni blazed trails in collegiate atmospheres where African Americans were once excluded; and

WHEREAS, today, while St. Augustine now welcomes students of any national or ethnic background, it remains the leading secondary school for black males in Louisiana and is nationally recognized in educational circles for outstanding success in preparing its students for higher education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the St. Augustine High School, class of 1979, on its forty-year class reunion and does hereby express best wishes for a joyous gathering of which the bonds of old friendships are renewed and strengthened.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of St. Augustine High School and the president of St. Augustine High School Alumni Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES