

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Xavier University Preparatory School on its commitment to excellence and exemplary achievement.

WHEREAS, Xavier University Preparatory School inherits a tradition of high quality Catholic education from St. Katharine Drexel; and

WHEREAS, St. Katharine Drexel founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for members who would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve; and

WHEREAS, from age thirty-three until her death in 1955, St. Katharine Drexel dedicated her life and fortune of twenty million dollars to this work, taking part in opening the first mission school in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, she founded Xavier University Preparatory School (X.U.P.) in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, X.U.P. bases its philosophy on the belief that the total educational program nurtures and challenges the students, each of whom have unique gifts and talents; and

WHEREAS, the focus of its programs is the development of Christian girls through a harmonious blending of their spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional and physical strengths; and

WHEREAS, X.U.P. cultivates individual self-esteem and encourages students to improve their local and global communities; and

WHEREAS, the school devotes its mission along with the preparation of students to live with compassion, dignity and responsibility in a constantly evolving world, and includes preparation for a variety of post-secondary options; and

WHEREAS, a strong discipline program, a challenging curriculum, varied co-curricular activities and a community service program provide an integrated means for fulfilling this mission; and

WHEREAS, X.U.P. offers a college preparatory education to female students in grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, Xavier University Preparatory School has been noted twice as an exemplary secondary school of excellence, awarded by the United States Department of Education and has received recognition for an ideal curriculum.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Xavier University Preparatory School on its commitment to excellence and exemplary achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Xavier University Preparatory School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE