

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATORS DONAHUE AND NEVERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend St. Paul's School in Covington, Louisiana, upon celebrating its one hundredth year anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 1509, founder John Colet established a new school to be an inclusive meritocracy in which boys from all nations and countries would be educated, without regard to means or race; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's School is a unique blend of modern and traditional values, diversity of background and continuity of care, and holds a high tolerance and capacity for creative debate; and

WHEREAS, the pupils of St. Paul graduate as young men of principle, spirit and imagination; and

WHEREAS, Principal, Brother Ray Bulliard, has several aims for the school including taking a leading role in education, retaining the best of traditional academic education, and seeking to use the school's independence and status to innovate and to lead; and

WHEREAS, to have a needs-blind entry, St. Paul aspires to become the first leading academic school in the country to adopt this approach, welcoming gifted young pupils regardless of economic background; and

WHEREAS, this Catholic school for boys has taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ to students in a Lasallian, Christ-centered environment of caring discipline, while fostering high academic standards and encouraging community involvement for one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of a Lasallian education is rooted in five core principles including faith in the presence of God, concern for the poor and social injustice, quality education, inclusive community, and respect for all persons; and

WHEREAS, these principles are fostered in every Lasallian institution worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Brothers of St. Paul's School are assisted by more than seventy-three thousand lay colleagues, and teach over nine hundred thousand students in eighty countries; and

WHEREAS, each St. Paul's School student comes to prayer in the same way, reciting, *let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God*, and closes prayer with the call and response, *St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever*; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's School strives to provide inspirational teaching, to continue providing outstanding pastoral care, to commit to community service, and to construct an inspirational physical environment; and

WHEREAS, central to the aims and ethos of St. Paul's School is the realization that what a young man does in and outside the classroom can inform, influence, and change his life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend St. Paul's School in Covington, Louisiana, upon celebrating its one hundredth year anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Principal, Brother Ray Bulliard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE