

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles DiGange on his retirement as headmaster of Holy Cross School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Charles "Charlie" DiGange on his retirement as headmaster of Holy Cross School in New Orleans and to recognize Mr. DiGange for his unwavering dedication to the student body and the institution; and

WHEREAS, Charlie graduated from Holy Cross School in 1964; he returned to Holy Cross in 1970 to teach; from 1970 until 1989, he served the school in various capacities, including chemistry teacher, religion teacher, junior varsity football coach, summer camp director, development director, assistant principal of discipline, and assistant headmaster; and

WHEREAS, he left Holy Cross to become associate vice president for institutional advancement at Loyola University, where he worked from 1989 to 2004; he remained on the Holy Cross governing board during many of those fifteen years and returned to Holy Cross as headmaster in 2005; and

WHEREAS, he is credited with leading the school through its relocation, after Hurricane Katrina, from its historic Dauphine Street site in the school's namesake neighborhood to its current Paris Avenue address in Gentilly; a significant increase in enrollment followed the move; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiGange is also credited with establishing the Holy Cross Primary School, which made Holy Cross the only Catholic School in the New Orleans area for boys from pre-kindergarten through the twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, Charles DiGange has been a fixture at the school for decades; his retirement in June 2017 ended the second-longest tenure of any leader in the history of the Catholic school; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross School was a part of Charles DiGange's life for fifty-six years; Charlie's passion for Holy Cross was unwavering, and he was a blessing to the school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles DiGange on his retirement as headmaster of Holy Cross School in New Orleans, Louisiana; does hereby recognize this consummate professional for his career of dedicated service in the field of education; and does hereby extend best wishes to Mr. Charles DiGange for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles DiGange.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE