

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATRINA JACKSON, BADON, BARROW, WESLEY BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURRELL, COX, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GAINES, HONORE, HUNTER, JAMES, JEFFERSON, TERRY LANDRY, NORTON, PIERRE, PRICE, SMITH, THIERRY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WOODRUFF AND SENATORS BROOME, ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express condolences upon the death of Dr. Isaac Greggs, long-time band director at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the great trumpet sounded on April 28, 2014, calling home the often imitated but never duplicated Shreveport native Dr. Isaac "Doc" Greggs, band director at Southern University in Baton Rouge for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Doc Greggs created the Marching Band From Jaguarland at Southern University and was chief composer of the unique flair and flavor exhibited by his musicians as they took on the moniker that best described them: The Human Jukebox; and

WHEREAS, Southern University's marching bands played at six Super Bowls, four Sugar Bowls, and three presidential inaugurations with Doc Greggs as director; and

WHEREAS, the influence of Doc Greggs extended beyond the band room and performance venues of the musicians who played for him; a significant number of his students have become band directors and musicians of note around the country, and the principles of dedication and commitment he instilled in his students shaped many of them into leaders in careers outside of music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greggs was a charter member of Delta Upsilon Lambda and was an active member of Beta Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the musical genius of Dr. Isaac Greggs was formally recognized in 2013, when he was inducted into the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the music building on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University, formerly known as Dubose Music Hall, recently was renamed the Isaac Greggs Band Hall in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Doc Greggs communicated to his students the need to "be at the right time, at the right place, with the right equipment ready to concentrate", a mantra that applies beyond the realm of music, and with his departure from this Earthly life to his Heavenly home, it is fitting to note that Dr. Isaac Greggs is now at the right place, making beautiful music for all eternity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the passing of Dr. Isaac Greggs; does hereby extend deepest sympathies to family and friends as they mourn the absence of his presence; does hereby herald his legacy of music at Southern University and recognize his stylistic impact on bands around the country; and does hereby share in the prayers of the citizens of the state in comfort and fond remembrances of the sweet sounds that emanated from this musical icon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Isaac Greggs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE