

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Elaine P. Nunez Community College administration, faculty, and staff for their commitment and dedication to rebuild after the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and to congratulate the Elaine P. Nunez Community College community upon its eighteen-year anniversary.

WHEREAS, Elaine P. Nunez Community College is a unique institution of higher learning with an equally unique history; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act No. 341, establishing the Elaine P. Nunez Community College by merging the Elaine P. Nunez Technical Institute and the St. Bernard Parish Community College; and

WHEREAS, in spring of 1993, Elaine P. Nunez Community College was accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Nunez Community College and its entire service area was struck by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina was the greatest natural disaster to affect the United States in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish, the home parish of the Nunez campus, was almost completely decimated, as it took a direct hit and suffered flood waters that in many areas did not recede for weeks; and

WHEREAS, the first floor of every building on the Chalmette campus was flooded more than seven feet; and

WHEREAS, despite dire predictions, and under the leadership of Chancellor Thomas Warner, the Nunez Community College presented a fall mini-semester within weeks of the disaster; and

WHEREAS, by the end of December 2005, the Facilities Department, along with volunteer crews and others, gutted the first floors of the buildings; and

WHEREAS, they also had electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups in the Arts, Sciences, and Technology Building; and

WHEREAS, the Nunez Community College was fully reopened for business on January 25, 2006.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Elaine P. Nunez Community College administration, Chancellor Thomas Warner, faculty, and staff for their commitment and dedication to rebuild after the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and to congratulate the Elaine P. Nunez Community College community upon its eighteen-year anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Elaine P. Nunez Community College Chancellor Thomas Warner.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES