

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends John C. Brass for his educational and civic accomplishments

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend John C. Brass for his educational and civic accomplishments.

3 WHEREAS, John C. Brass is a retired educator and former high school basketball
4 coach who is also a pillar of the St. James Parish community; he is married to Jacquelyn
5 Jackson Brass, and they have two children, Ingrid Nicole Brass and Representative
6 Kendricks "Ken" Brass, and three grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Brass is a 1963 graduate of Franklin Parish Training School,
8 where he was the captain of the school's basketball team and president of his graduating
9 class; he attended Southern University where he received a bachelor of science in education
10 in 1967, a master of education in 1973, and a master plus thirty graduate hours in 1975; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Brass first worked as a social studies teacher and basketball
12 coach at Union Central High School in Columbia, Louisiana, in 1967; after just one year, he
13 answered the call to defend his country by joining the United States Army and was stationed
14 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska; while there, he taught at Fort Wainwright Education Center in
15 Fairbanks, Alaska, and worked there until he was discharged in 1970; he achieved the rank
16 of Sergeant E-5 Personnel Specialist during his time in the army; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Brass began his thirty-nine-year career in the St. James Parish
18 Public School System in August 1970; he first worked as a social studies teacher and head
19 basketball coach at St. James High School, and in 1987, he accepted the role of assistant
20 principal of the school; in 1991, he was named principal of St. James Jr. High School, where
21 he served for ten years; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Brass served as a principal on special assignment at Lutch
2 High School from 2001 until 2002; his final position was as principal of St. James Parish
3 Career Technology Alternative Center, where he served from 2002 until his retirement in
4 2009; on March 24, 2010, he was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve on the board
5 of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Brass is an incredibly civic-minded individual; in addition to
7 teaching, he also served as the organizer and director of the St. James Parish Bidy
8 Basketball Program, chairman of the St. James Parish Housing Authority Board, a member
9 of the St. James Parish Recreation Board, and as a deacon at First Community Antioch
10 Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Brass is most deserving of the highest recognition for his
12 incredible accomplishments and for his unrelenting dedication to the service of his
13 community.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John C. Brass for his educational and civic
16 accomplishments; does hereby further recognize Coach Brass's commitment to providing
17 for the youth in his community through education and athletics; and does hereby extend
18 sincerest wishes that his inspiring example of community service be followed by all
19 Louisianians.

DIGEST

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