

110TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 251

Congratulating St. Bernard Parish Public Schools Superintendent Doris Voitier for her receipt of the 2007 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2007

Mr. MELANCON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating St. Bernard Parish Public Schools Superintendent Doris Voitier for her receipt of the 2007 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Whereas Doris Voitier has served the St. Bernard Parish school district for more than 35 years, and on August 10, 2004, Doris Voitier was named Superintendent of the St. Bernard Parish Public Schools;

Whereas on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana;

Whereas St. Bernard Parish was under as much as 21 feet of water due to levee breaks from the storm surge from Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Doris Voitier remained in a shelter at Chalmette High School with 1500 other people for four days after Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita made land-fall, and St. Bernard Parish was again flooded;

Whereas all housing, businesses, and government buildings, including all 15 schools in the parish, were either destroyed or severely damaged;

Whereas Ms. Voitier, feeling that Federal emergency assistance was not appropriated quickly enough, borrowed parish school funds to purchase trailers to serve as portable classrooms and to house teaching staff, and rallied local residents to help with cleanup of the Chalmette High School parking lot;

Whereas on November 14, 2005, only 11 weeks after Hurricane Katrina, Doris Voitier opened the St. Bernard Unified School, for 334 students out of the 8,000 who had been enrolled before the disaster; and

Whereas St. Bernard Parish is scheduled to open five school buildings to serve nearly 4,000 returning students by August 2007: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends Doris Voitier for her efforts to
3 rebuild St. Bernard Parish schools; and

4 (2) congratulates Doris Voitier for being named
5 one of the recipients of the 2007 John F. Kennedy
6 Profile in Courage Award.

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