RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, venerable educator Robert C. Brooks, Jr., has been called to his final rest; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its heartfelt condolences and recognize the lasting contributions of Professor Brooks to the St. Tammany Parish Public School System; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Brooks, Jr., began his teaching career in 1932 in north Louisiana, moving to St. Tammany in 1936 to serve as an Agriculture teacher; and

WHEREAS, he spent 39½ years as teacher, coach, and principal at St. Tammany Parish Training School, later renamed St. Tammany High School, and then St. Tammany Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Professor Brooks positively impacted the lives of thousands of children and served as a mentor to hundreds of educators, during his career and after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, this respected centenarian inspired many, during his 104 years, to work hard and persevere; and

WHEREAS, Professor Brooks wisely served the community and School System during his tenure and oversaw the first school accreditation in the School System at the St. Tammany Parish Training School; and

WHEREAS, Professor Brooks will be remembered for his dignity, educational leadership, and high standards and expectations for students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the School System facility bearing his name will be rebuilt following its destruction from Hurricane Katrina and will be called the Robert C. Brooks, Jr. Educational Complex, as a visible and lasting memorial to Professor Brooks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board, by virtue of this resolution, expresses its appreciation for the many years of dedicated service given by Professor Brooks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, by means of this resolution, the St. Tammany Parish School Board expresses its condolences to his devoted daughter, Dr. June Paul, his grandson, and great grandchildren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, as a tribute to the memory of Professor Robert C. Brooks, Jr.

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1. Gayle Sloan, Secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the regular session of the St. Tammany Parish School Board on May 8, 2008, held at the regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, Covington, Louisiana.

GAYLE SLOAN
Secretary