

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr.,
of Shreveport

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Deacon
3 Cleophus Banks, Jr., of Shreveport.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5 of the passing on May 11, 2016, of Cleophus Banks, Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Cleophus Banks was born November 13, 1944, in Shreveport, the fourth
7 of seven children of Cleophus Banks, Sr., and Roberta Hill Banks; his parents and his older
8 brother Freddie "The Thrill" Hill preceded him to eternal rest; and

9 WHEREAS, at an early age, Cleophus Banks accepted Christ as Lord of his life and
10 was baptized into the St. Peter Baptist Church fellowship in the Celia Sykes pond near
11 Shreve City; and

12 WHEREAS, Cleophus Banks, Jr., was ordained as a deacon and served as chairman
13 of the Trustee Board; Deacon Banks attended prayer meetings, Sunday school, and was a
14 member of the Brotherhood and the Male Chorus; he was faithful to his ministries and to
15 St. Peter Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, during his teen years, Cleophus Banks, Jr., was an outstanding athlete
17 at Booker T. Washington High School where he razzled and dazzled basketball fans with his
18 on-court moves and shots; he also was a top-notch baseball player, and his dual-sport skills
19 earned him scholarships in both basketball and baseball to Southern University in Baton
20 Rouge; and

1 WHEREAS, Cleophus Banks, Jr., was the voice that called the Friday night football
2 games of the Booker T. Washington Lions; and

3 WHEREAS, Cleophus Banks, Jr., played on a Southern University basketball team
4 that made it to the Elite Eight of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
5 Tournament; he was inducted into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Cleophus Banks, Jr., was joined in holy matrimony with Linda Faye
7 Sanders Brewer in 1968, and to this union, Roman Patrick Banks and Capathia Marshunne
8 Banks were born; Roman Banks is the coach of the men's basketball team at Southern
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of his life, Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr., showed himself
11 to be a dedicated and hard worker; he was employed by Caddo Parish schools, was assistant
12 librarian at Southern University at Shreveport, worked for Travelers Insurance, and was the
13 first citywide director of Police-Community Relations, later renamed Neighborhood
14 Assistance Team; his task was to bridge the gap between the police and citizens of the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, Deacon Banks sponsored community events to assist the less fortunate
17 and senior citizens, and he was a mentor, advocate, and role model to young people; he
18 served on the executive board of the Caddo Community Action Agency, and he founded the
19 Midnight Basketball League and the Martin Luther King Tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, Deacon Banks lived a courageous, God-fearing life, and he humbly
21 exercised his faith as he made his Christian journey on Earth; he leaves to cherish his
22 memories his beloved wife, Linda; his sons, Roman Banks and his wife, Tiffany, Charlton
23 Daryl Sample, and Carlos Sample and his wife, Tenisha; his daughters, Capathia Banks
24 Givens and Bridget Stewart; his grandchildren, Trelun', Kennedi, Colyn, Ckelby, Cade,
25 Cameron, Kaitly, Chasity, Chase, and Chelsea; his brother, Donald Banks and his wife,
26 Delores; his sisters, Johnnie Thomas, Dorothy Lynch, Rosie Mays, Bobbie Lattier and her
27 husband, Albert, Etta Royster, and Debra Banks; and his godchildren, Jerald Wills, Cameron
28 Monroe, Carlos and C.J. Hooker, and Savannah Smith; and

1 WHEREAS, while the pain of his passing leaves a void that can never be filled, fond
2 recollections of good times shared with Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr., will live forever in the
3 hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest condolences to the family and friends
6 of Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr., and does hereby offer best hopes and prayers for peace and
7 comfort in this time of mourning.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
9 to the family of Deacon Cleophus Banks, Jr.

DIGEST

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