

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Joseph "Joe" Stone of Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, Joseph Stone entered the world on May 12, 1935, in Baton Rouge, and departed for his eternal rest on February 4, 2017, at the age of eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, the fourth child of Ada Nelson Stone and Robert Stone, Sr., Joe attended Zion City Elementary School, McKinley High School, and transferred to Southern University Laboratory School, where he played football; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Southern Lab, Mr. Stone answered the call to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Navy; he faithfully served his country for four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Joe returned from military service and married Mary Ann Thompson; he took night classes while he worked during the day, and he became a member of Local #1177 of the Laborers' International Union of North America; and

WHEREAS, Joe Stone earned promotions to foreman and general laborer foreman, and achieved appointments to the positions of field agent and assistant business manager; in 1997, Mr. Stone participated in the Harvard University trade union program and from 1985 to 1988, he served as a board member of Local #1177; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Joe Stone served as business manager and secretary treasurer of his union until he was named assistant secretary at the Louisiana Department of Labor in 1992 by Governor Edwin Edwards; in his capacity as assistant secretary, Mr. Stone administered the Job Training Partnership Act Office of Labor, Apprenticeship, Hourly Wage Divisions, and the Community Service Block Grants program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was an officer in the Louisiana and Greater Baton Rouge AFL-CIO and was president of the Louisiana Laborers' District Council; he was instrumental in the formation of the Louisiana Laborers' Training Fund and the Health & Welfare Fund, Baton Rouge Building and Trades, and the state and Baton Rouge chapters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute; and

WHEREAS, Joe Stone was an ardent Southern University football fan and a member of the Southern University Quarterback Club; he earned the title of BBQ Master of the Louisiana Laborers' District Council family days and was considered an expert cook; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone enjoyed relaxing with family, friends, and fellow members of the Matadors Social and Civic Club; he was a member of Jordan United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Joe Stone are saddened by his passing but will remember him as a distinguished labor and civic activist, a man of tremendous leadership, fairness, and integrity, and a champion in the arena of laborers' rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest sympathies and condolences to family and friends upon the death of Joseph Stone and does hereby offer sincerest hopes for comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Joseph Stone.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE