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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends, posthumously, Reverend Avery Caesar Alexander upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend, posthumously, Reverend Avery Caesar Alexander upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Avery Caesar Alexander was born on June 29, 1910, and during his long life dedicated himself to the cause of equality of all men before the law, thus becoming a beloved and admired figure in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, an ordained minister, he received his training at the Union Baptist Theological Seminary, and dedicated himself to ending segregation and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, he was the leader of bus boycotts and lunch "sit-ins" aimed at integrating public cafeterias, voter registration drives, and participated in several marches with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., all in an effort to bring equal rights and opportunities to African Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Alexander was elected to represent the 93rd District of the Louisiana House of Representatives, was a founder and chaplain of the Legislative Black Caucus, and was known affectionately by his colleagues as "The Rev"; and

WHEREAS, he served in the legislature until his death on March 5, 1999, and during his long service, influenced many policies to improve the lives of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, because of his influence and commitment to equality, several buildings and places are named in his honor around the city of New Orleans; including the Avery Alexander School; the Avery C. Alexander Memorial Hospital; the Avery C. Alexander Expressway; and a statue titled "The Crusader", commemorating his efforts to integrate the public basement cafeteria, is proudly displayed in front of the University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Avery Caesar Alexander has rightly earned his place among the many legends in the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend, posthumously, Avery C. Alexander upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Avery Caesar Alexander.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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