



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' unmatched repair talents led to calls for his help in  
2 troubleshooting at cotton gins from Elm Grove in northern Louisiana to Cheneyville in  
3 southern Louisiana; despite his recognized expertise, Willard Jones was met with prejudice,  
4 discrimination, and workplace jealousy at several sites, but through long and unrelenting  
5 hours, Mr. Jones demonstrated innovation at his repair jobs; he had a knack for fashioning  
6 tools and parts to get gin equipment running at peak performance; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' love of iron work is on display across the state; he crafted  
8 ornate iron crosses, beautiful iron fences, decorative grills, large barbecue and smoking pits,  
9 safety grips and columns for bathrooms, lawn enhancements, and home construction  
10 improvements; an iron spiral staircase fashioned by Willard Jones is in use at one of the  
11 Kaffie family residences in the Natchitoches Historic District; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is the owner of a U.S. patent for an adjustable shoe holder;  
13 his life was filled with expressions of his love and care for his native Natchitoches Parish;  
14 he was a member of the Natchitoches Housing Authority and he helped to build the MLK  
15 Recreation Center; and

16           WHEREAS, Willard Jones was the proud, supportive father of his seven children,  
17 a loving grandfather, uncle, and brother, a friend to many, and a leader in the Natchitoches  
18 community; family and friends will forever hold fond memories of Willard Jones, Sr., in  
19 their hearts and minds.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences upon the death of  
22 Willard Jones, Sr.; does hereby record for posterity the myriad and sundry accomplishments  
23 of his nine-plus decades of life; and does hereby offer thoughts and hopes for peace and  
24 comfort to those who mourn the loss of this fine native son of Louisiana.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
26 to the family of Willard Jones, Sr.

DIGEST

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