

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Johanna
3 "Jolie" Wamble Berry.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 House of Representatives have learned of the death, on April 14, 2019, of Johanna "Jolie"
6 Wamble Berry; she was seventy-nine years old; and

7 WHEREAS, John and Helen McInnis Wamble welcomed their baby girl, Johanna,
8 to the world on November 3, 1939, in McComb, Mississippi; Johanna grew up in Jackson
9 and completed her education at Murrah High School and Belhaven College (now known as
10 Belhaven University); and

11 WHEREAS, in 1964, she married Gene and a decade later, they settled in Baton
12 Rouge, after Gene's military service led them to live in San Francisco, Pensacola, Virginia
13 Beach, New Orleans, Monroe, and Rochester, Minnesota; her life was filled with joyful
14 service to her family, church, and the many communities to which she belonged; and

15 WHEREAS, at First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, she expressed her faith
16 by serving as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder, and a member of several committees;
17 she chaired the church's one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary celebration and was
18 moderator of the Presbytery of South Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, Johanna volunteered with numerous organizations, including the
20 Louisiana State University (LSU) Rural Life Museum, Baton Rouge Opera Guild, Medical
21 Association Alliance, and Foundation for Historical Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, one of her greatest joys was working with the LSU Chi Omega sorority
2 as an alumni advisor and serving as pledge advisor and personnel advisor; she was named
3 Alumnae Advisor of the Year by the national organization; her last few years brought her
4 to the Rockies in Colorado, where she made new friends and wonderful memories; and

5 WHEREAS, left to cherish sweet and lasting memories of Johanna are her loving
6 husband, Gene; son, David and his wife Courtney; daughter, Katherine Hearn and her
7 husband Donald; grandson, Laughlin; brother, John L. Wamble, Jr., and his wife Cindy;
8 godchildren, Lydia White, Karen Kuhn Ely, and Emily Gary Branum; and "pretend"
9 daughters, Amanda Sharbrough Bryan, Jeanie McKowen Thuneman, and Julia Scherbakova
10 Campbell; and

11 WHEREAS, the loss of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry has left a tremendous void
12 in the Baton Rouge community; her kind nature and extensive outreach impacted many, and
13 this wonderful woman shall forever live in their minds and hearts.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere sympathies upon the loss of Johanna
16 "Jolie" Wamble Berry; does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to family, friends, and
17 community upon her death; and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort and
18 peace to those who mourn.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 family of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry.

DIGEST

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