

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Ernest Nabers Jr.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Ernest Nabers Jr. on Saturday, April 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. was born on September 28, 1929, in Birmingham, Alabama, the second child born to the union of Ernest Nabers Sr. and Mattie Simmons Nabers; and

WHEREAS, he received his elementary and high school training in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where, in high school, he was an outstanding athlete in football and track, and graduated from Altoona High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, it was his mother's desire for him to have the best education possible, so she took her life savings and bought a one-way train ticket to Louisiana so that he could attend college; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. played football and furthered his education at Leland College in Baker, Louisiana, where the motto was *Non nobis sed omnibus*, (Not for ourselves, but for others), which became his life's work; and

WHEREAS, Leland College was also where he met his beautiful wife, Annie Laura Brown; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Leland College and earning a master's degree +30 at Southern University in Baton Rouge, he helped many other young students continue their education, as Wilbur Bryson and Lawrence Thornton had done for him; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers was very active in the community and church; he was an educator and football, basketball, and track coach at Paul Breaux High School; assistant principal at Lafayette High School; principal at Northside High School and N.P. Moss

Middle School, and Superintendent of Recreation and Parks for the city of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, Lafayette Chapter of Southern University Alumni Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, MLK Holiday Committee, Kiwanis S.W., S.A.L.T., and a LHSAA Top 28 Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, in his church, Ernest Nabers served on the steward and trustee boards and as an usher; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and six sisters; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Annie Laura Brown Nabers; three children: Gabriel (Leona) Nabers, Wilbur Lawrence (Dena) Nabers, and Damita Marie Nabers (Errol) Rogers; seventeen grandchildren: Andrea N. Jones (Fred), Tonya D. Nabers, Faydra N. Allen (Reginald), Dominique R. Donaldson (Al), Desiree R. Rogers (Justin), Ashleigh Nabers, Ernest Nabers III, George A. Nabers, Danielle Rogers, Erin Rogers, Errol Rogers Jr., Erika Rogers, Gabriel E. Nabers Jr., Zachery Nabers, Jordan Nabers, Joseph Nabers, Jaydon Nabers; seven great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one brother, Cornelius (Janet) Nabers; one sister, Theda Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives; and

WHEREAS, the success of our state, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon men like Ernest Nabers Jr.; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Ernest Nabers Jr. has left a tremendous void in the community and in the lives of his family, friends, students, and players, this uniquely gifted gentleman shall live forever in the minds, memories, and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ernest Nabers Jr., does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and his singular contributions, does hereby recognize the deep sense of pride and honor that this fine individual will forever bring to Louisiana, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the wonderful way in which he touched the lives of countless people in his community and state.

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**ENROLLED**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
Annie Laura Brown Nabers, the wife of Ernest Nabers Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE