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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Macura Hamilton

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Macura
3	Hamilton.
4	WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5	of the departure of Macura Hamilton from this earthly realm on June 17, 2020, at the age of
6	eighty-five; and
7	WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton was born on October 8, 1934, the third of twelve
8	children born to Lonnie and Ella Dee Moore Hamilton; Macura came to know Jesus Christ
9	as his Lord and Savior at an early age, baptized by the Reverend A.H. Holland at Mt. Olive
10	Baptist Church in Greenwood, Louisiana; and
11	WHEREAS, his formative years in Rodessa, Louisiana, were shaped by respect for
12	his parents, love of family, hard work, and self-reliance; Macura chopped and picked cotton
13	to earn money for his education; he graduated in 1953 from Booker T. Washington High
14	School in Caddo Parish and was the first in his family to receive a secondary education
15	degree; Macura Hamilton graduated in 1958 from Southern University in Baton Rouge with
16	a bachelor of science degree in music education, and he earned a master of arts degree in
17	education from Columbia University in New York in 1966; Mr. Hamilton was certified in
18	Louisiana as a licensed professional counselor; and
19	WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton answered the call of duty to his country and served
20	in the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant and in the active reserve; and

1	WHEREAS, upon discharge from the military, Mr. Hamilton taught in his native
2	Caddo Parish for nearly four decades; he retired after serving thirty of those years as a
3	guidance counselor; and
4	WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton used his talents to share sacred music in the religious
5	sphere of Caddo Parish; he was a musician at St. Rest Baptist Church, which he joined in
6	1969 and served faithfully as music director and organist for more than fifty years; Brother
7	Hamilton introduced classical music, cantatas, operettas, and anthems to the St. Rest
8	congregation and other venues where he played; he celebrated the rich heritage of spirituals
9	and gospel music and was recognized as a musical giant in the community; and
10	WHEREAS, Brother Hamilton's spiritual service at St. Rest Baptist Church extended
11	to the deacon ministry, where he was chairman; to the finance committee, where he was
12	assistant finance chairman; and to the trustee board; and
13	WHEREAS, the indelible imprint Macura Hamilton made on the lives of many will
14	be felt for years to come but his presence will be missed most by those closest to him; his
15	wife of fifty-four years, Delia Monroe Hamilton; his daughters, Felicia Hamilton and
16	Dr. Kimberly Hamilton-Wims, and her husband Alfred, Jr.; his brothers, the Reverend
17	Lonnie Hamilton, Jr., and Robert Hamilton, and his wife Beverly; his sisters, Ella Hamilton
18	Dixson, Maxine Hamilton Webb, Elizabeth Hamilton, Molly Hamilton Guy, Dr. Patsy
19	Hamilton Solomon, and her husband Alphonsa, and Bobbie Hamilton Poindexter, and her
20	husband Rene; and the many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who remember good
21	times shared with Macura Hamilton.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family and friends
24	of Macura Hamilton upon his passing; does hereby acknowledge the positive impact he
25	made in the school and religious communities of Caddo Parish; and does hereby offer best
26	thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28	family of Macura Hamilton.

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