

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR POPE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of community icon, Regina Walker.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Regina Walker.

4 WHEREAS, Regina Walker, beloved musician, teacher, choral director, and strong
5 community presence, died on April 6, 2021, at the age of ninety-one; and

6 WHEREAS, Regina Walker, the wife of the late Dr. Edwin Walker, touched the lives
7 of countless young people in Livingston Parish and throughout the area through her
8 involvement with choirs and her distinguished career as a piano teacher; and

9 WHEREAS, a highly respected piano teacher for thirty years, she was a woman of
10 many talents, who left behind an indelible imprint on her children and the many she
11 influenced throughout her long life; and

12 WHEREAS, she graduated from Louisiana State University (LSU) with a bachelor's
13 and master's degree in piano performance, and for the remainder of her life, used music
14 education to bring music to the community in different ways; and

15 WHEREAS, Regina Walker began teaching choir at Beauregard Junior High School,
16 and later on, cofounded the Livingston Parish Children's Choirs where she trained countless
17 singers and musicians, some who have performed around the world and even before former
18 President George W. Bush and two Louisiana Governors; and

1 WHEREAS, prior to establishing the choirs, Regina Walker directed the Denham
2 Springs boys choir during the 1960s and taught choral music at Central High School from
3 1976-1981, both of which have received superior ratings at district and state choral
4 competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1997, she received the Distinguished Contributions to Music
6 Education Award from the LSU School of Music Alumni Association; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2000, she was nominated by the Arts Council of Greater Denham
8 Springs for the Governor's Arts Award for Achievement in the Arts, and was selected to be
9 listed in the Arts Council of Greater Denham Springs Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2007, Regina Walker was named the Baton Rouge Music Teachers
11 Association's Outstanding Educator of the year for her lifetime contributions to music in
12 Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2015, she was honored by the Music Teachers National Association
14 (MTNA) at their national convention as an MTNA Foundation Fellow; an honor for which
15 only thirty-seven music teachers across the nation were selected to receive that year; and

16 WHEREAS, she was also awarded the Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce's
17 first Annual Women's Leadership Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Regina Walker is survived by her four daughters, Deborah Tyler,
19 Barbara Walker, Dinah Toups, and Terrilee Haley; grandchildren, Katherine Tyler, Lauren
20 Tyler Lyngarkos, Nathan Toups, Joshua Toups, Rachel Toups, Elizabeth Haley, and
21 Benjamin Haley; and great-grandchildren, Lyra Toups and Vera Toups; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Regina Walker represented all that is good about Louisiana as a
23 lady with unique gifts and a generous spirit, and with her passing, Louisiana has lost one of
24 its finest citizens who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many individuals whom she
25 touched, and by whom she will never be forgotten.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby express its sincerest condolences upon the death of Regina Walker.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
29 to the family of Regina Walker.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lebra R. Bias.

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