

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was elected to the Ouachita Parish police jury; as an elected
2 official, Peter worked with former juror Abe E. Pierce, III, to hone his diplomatic craft; he
3 employed his skills to help the poor and disenfranchised members of his community;
4 throughout the sixteen years he served as a police juror, he continuously fought for the
5 marginalized communities of the state, and his efforts were an important factor in millions
6 of dollars being allocated by the state legislature and city and parish governments to fund
7 projects in those communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Pete was a genuine pillar of Ouachita Parish; he was beloved for his
9 willingness to invest his time and money in local youth and his belief in the value of second
10 chances for all; after falling seriously ill in 1999 and recovering, he used his second chance
11 to form the Ervin Peter Turner Foundation and Tri-City subdivision, which sits on the old
12 Tri-District Boys Club site; Tri-City provides affordable housing for many families and
13 stands as a testament to the time and money Pete was willing to invest in his community; and

14 WHEREAS, Pete Turner was an incredibly dedicated husband, father, brother,
15 grandfather, and uncle; he was united in holy matrimony to Kathleen Lindsey Turner on
16 March 3, 1968, and to their union, two children were born, Christopher Earl Turner and
17 Roanita Turner Jenkins; he also helped raise his sister's daughter, Ashely; and

18 WHEREAS, Ervin "Pete" Turner is the truest example of a civil servant; his
19 unrelenting dedication to the oft-overlooked members of his community was a genuine
20 testament to his character; he will be deeply missed by the people of Ouachita Parish, but
21 his incredible community impact will be felt for generations to come.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ervin Peter Turner; does hereby recognize him
24 for his inspiring, lifelong dedication to serving his community; does hereby further recognize
25 his incredible community impact through the Tri-District Boys Club and Tri-City
26 subdivision; and does hereby extend sincerest hopes that his family and friends and Ouachita
27 Parish find comfort in knowing that he truly served out his mission on Earth.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 family of Ervin Peter Turner.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature on the death of Ervin "Pete" Turner.