

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To express condolences on the death of Cloverine Dickerson Burris.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death, on February 28, 2022, of Cloverine Dickerson Burris; and

WHEREAS, Cloverine was born in Brusly, Louisiana, on December 23, 1917, to Samuel and Orelia Pickney Dickerson; she was the youngest of her parents' nine children; and

WHEREAS, Cloverine attended McKinley High School and later graduated from McDonogh 35 High School in New Orleans; she went on to receive a bachelor of arts degree in education from Leland College in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, while at Leland, Cloverine met Joseph Burris, the man with whom she would share seventy-three years of marriage; after college, she worked for twenty-seven years as a second-grade teacher at Perkins Road Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burris accepted Christ at an early age; she was a dedicated member of St. John the Baptist Church in Baton Rouge where she regularly attended mass services and served as a deaconess and director of Vacation Bible School and Sunday school for over thirty years; she was especially fond of sharing "the Lord's Supper" at home each month, and she truly loved her church community; and

WHEREAS, outside of her profession and faith, Ms. Burris was also a member of the Blue Diamond Social Club, and she loved watching Louisiana State University and Southern University football games; and

WHEREAS, after the passing of her husband and son, Ms. Burris moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where she spent the final three years of her life under the careful and loving watch of her daughter and son-in-law; her faith remained ever-strong, even near the end of her long life, and she made sure to receive holy communion regularly from Wheat Street Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Cloverine Dickerson Burris leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her daughter, Elaine Cloverine Burris Ducre, and her husband Zebedee Ducre, Sr.; her grandchildren, Zebedee Ducre, Jr., and his wife Adrienne, Renee Elaine Ducre, Danielle Ducre Rawls, and her husband Jerome, Joseph Preston Burris, III, and his wife Beverly, and Shanna Burris Bradley; great-grandchildren, Preston, Joshua, Justin, Zebedee, III, and Dominic Paone; great-great-grandchildren, India, Naila, Maleek, Noah, John Preston, and Taylor Alan; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burris was an inspiring woman of immense faith; she will be deeply missed, but she will live on in the hearts and memories of those she loved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Cloverine Dickerson Burris; does hereby recognize Ms. Burris's incredible faith throughout her impressively long life; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that her family find comfort knowing that she is now home with God in Heaven.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Cloverine Dickerson Burris.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES