

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Jewelene Jones Turk.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned that Jewelene Jones Turk at the age of ninety-two, "having fought a good fight, finished her course in life, and kept the faith" in accordance with II Timothy 4:7, has transitioned into a peaceful rest with her Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Jewelene was born on August 4, 1929, in Minden, Louisiana, to Colbert Jones and Rosie Mae Jackson Jones Bailey as the second of six children; and

WHEREAS, she accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful choir member at Mt. Pero Baptist Church and Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, both in Dubberly, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she was educated in the Webster Parish School System and upon graduation from Central Consolidated High School in Dubberly, she was united in matrimony to Junior Turk on May 26, 1951, and during their blessed marriage of forty-two years, four children were born; and

WHEREAS, Jewelene Turk, fondly called "Ms. Turk" was a homemaker who also served as the seamstress for the community, then worked at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant for several years, and upon retiring, managed several local laundromats, continuing to take care of the community members' clothes, and touching numerous lives while establishing many long-lasting friendships; and

WHEREAS, preceding her in death are her parents; husband, Junior Turk; son, Larry Turk Jr.; daughter, Victoria Abner; four siblings: Louis T. Jones, Rosie Lee Johnson, Eula B. Scott, and Maxine Hollingquest; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turk is survived by daughter, Shirley Turk; son, Robert Turk; sister, Eura Pat Darrett; goddaughters, Rebecca Myles and Sharon Jefferson; five bonus

daughters, Myrtle Swafford, Drucilla Pierce, Anne Moore, Lillie Norton, and Florine Stanley; one bonus son, Samuel Orange Jr; four grandchildren, Tari Abner Thomas, Lamaris Abner, Kwesi Corley, and Larryante Rogers; four great-grandchildren, Morgan Thomas, Tayler Thomas, Kwesi Jr., and Damaysia Corley, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, those whose clothes were taken care of and blessed by Ms. Turk's love will feel a deep void, they will rejoice in her memories, and know that she is now at peace in the arms of her Lord.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jewelene Jones Turk, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brought to the members of the Minden community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Jewelene Jones Turk.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE