

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR FIELDS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Alvin L. Sparrow Sr.

A RESOLUTION

To express heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family of Alvin L. Sparrow Sr. on the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Alvin L. Sparrow Sr. was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 7, 1937, to the late Leler Hawkins O'Connor and Clarence Sparrow and was raised by his late stepfather, Thomas O'Connor; and

WHEREAS, Alvin L. Sparrow Sr. lived in Chicago, Illinois for over 50 years and retired from the Chicago Transit Authority as a bus operator returning to his hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to enjoy his well deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sparrow truly loved his country and was a Vietnam Veteran who enjoyed everyone he encountered giving abundantly and being the good neighbor to all; and

WHEREAS, while living in Illinois, Alvin was a faithful member of Christ Community Church in Chicago, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Merlon M. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, when he relocated to Baton Rouge, he became a member of Greater Mount Gideon Baptist Church where he was baptized by the late Pastor Edward Howard and while prevented from congregating due to COVID, Alvin was shepherded under the direction of Rev. Manny Metoyer; and

WHEREAS, a ubiquitous individual with an entrepreneur spirit and always bartering

1 or trading something to sell, Alvin was referred to as "Al", "Mr. Gold", "Big Daddy", "Big
2 Al", and many more affectionate names; and

3 WHEREAS, a father, friend, grandfather, uncle, cousin to many as in his mind, he
4 never met a stranger, Alvin is preceded in death by his parents, siblings Rufus, Lloyd, and
5 Brenda Jean O'Connor and both maternal and paternal grandparents; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sparrow is survived by Christine Sparrow, Baton Rouge, LA,
7 Marlene (Kazeem) Oloko, Chicago, IL, Alvin (Patricia) Sparrow, Baton Rouge, LA, Michael
8 (Saundra) Sparrow, Gonzales, LA, Sherese Thurman-Lott, Laura Sparrow, both of Chicago,
9 IL, and two stepchildren Sonia Sylvester, Chicago, IL and Robert Sylvester, Las Vegas, NV;
10 five brothers, Melvin, Larry (Trimina), Leroy (Paulette), Donald (Betty), Thomas Gerald,
11 and Morrison O'Connor; four sisters-in-laws: Edna L. Sparrow, Pinkie (John) Clark,
12 Leontine D. McCall (Stewart) and Leonetta Dillon and brother-in-law, Donald George, all
13 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces,
14 cousins and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Alvin Louis Sparrow Sr. lived a fulfilling and dedicated life and his
16 passing leaves a void in the community where he will be truly missed.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Alvin Louis Sparrow
19 Sr. on the occasion of his passing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 family of Alvin Louis Sparrow Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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