

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Betty Jean Webb Jackson.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the passing on April 9, 2022, of Betty Jean Webb Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Betty Webb Jackson was born to Milton Webb, Sr., and Eura Dell Jenkins Webb on August 22, 1943, in Homer, Louisiana; she later moved to Grambling, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson received a bachelor of science degree from Grambling State University and a master of science degree from Louisiana Tech University; she worked professionally as a licensed speech-language pathologist in Louisiana, and she held a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the National Board of Examiners of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; she also received the Fellow Award and the Honor Award from the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson retired from Grambling State University in 2010 after many years of dedicated service to both the university and its students; during the course of her career, she served as a professor of public speaking and later as director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Betty was also deeply devout in her faith; she earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in religious education and received an honorary doctorate from United Theological Seminary and Bible College in Monroe, Louisiana; she served many years as a part-time instructor for the seminary; and

WHEREAS, Betty was an active member of China Grove Missionary Baptist Church, which is pastored by Revered Damian Wilson; she truly loved her church family and was passionate about working with its special programs; and

WHEREAS, Betty was also an active and dedicated member of Epsilon Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she served as a former protocol officer and president; she considered becoming a "Golden Soror" of fifty years as one of the happiest moments of her life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson civic involvement was truly inspiring; she was twice named "Woman of the Year" for the Grambling State University Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; additionally, she held the office of president for the Interdenominational Alliance of Ministers' Wives until her passing; her favorite work was evangelism, and she modeled her life after the quote, "What I am is God's gift to me, and what I become will be my gift to God"; and

WHEREAS, Betty diligently and unconditionally loved and adored her family; she is survived by her son, Michael L. Jiles, and his wife Alecia; her daughters, Yolanda Denise Jefferson, and her husband Reggie, and Earline Hamilton; sister, Annie Mae Washington, and her husband Lester; brother, Milton Webb, Jr., and his wife Carolyn; grandchildren, Cameron, Carmen, and Marcus; godsons, Rev. Stanley Bissic, Gregory Dade, and his wife Judith, Dr. Roderick Henderson, and his wife Stephanie, and Rev. Melvin Harris; and a host of nieces and nephews; she will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Betty Jean Webb Jackson and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family and friends find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Betty Jean Webb Jackson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES