

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Bernadine Elder Gibson

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Bernadine Elder
3 Gibson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives has learned of the passing of Bernadine Elder Gibson; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernadine Elder Gibson was born on March 10, 1940, in New Orleans,
7 Louisiana, and was educated in the public schools of Orleans Parish; she graduated from
8 Booker T. Washington Senior High School, then attended Delgado Junior College and
9 Southern University at New Orleans; she also received bachelor's and master's degrees in
10 religious education from Christian Bible College; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernadine, who was affectionately known as "Ms. Bern", was a member
12 of New Hope Baptist Church in New Orleans; she served the ministries of mission,
13 evangelism, youth, music, Christian education, Sunday school, Women of Wisdom, Woman
14 on Fire, and the rainbow choir; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to her service to New Hope Baptist, Ms. Bern was a member
16 of the Louisiana Freedman Baptist General Association, the National Baptist Convention,
17 and the North American Baptist Women's Union; she was also a member of the New Orleans
18 Jazz and Heritage Festival Family Gospel Tent since its inception in 1970; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Bern was also the founder of Ministry for Change—Good Trouble,
20 a nonprofit organization that works to reshape the lives of young people in her community,

1 and she received numerous awards for her charitable community work in New Orleans and
2 in Haiti; and

3 WHEREAS, Bernadine Elder Gibson was known for her tenacity, wit, and
4 unforgettably candid manner of speaking; she was a powerfully devout and prayerful woman
5 who shared her deep love of God and family every day; she will be deeply missed, but
6 certainly never forgotten.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of
9 Bernadine Elder Gibson and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends,
10 and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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