

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Gloria Jean Willis Walker.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death of Gloria Jean Willis Walker; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was born on December 31, 1952, in Rayville, Louisiana, and was the second of six children born to Henry and O'Dell Willis; she was raised and educated in Monroe, Louisiana, and graduated from Richwood High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was known by many names including Glory, Mrs. Walker, G-precious, and most notably GW; she expressed her personal style through her clothes, hats, and jewelry, and loved cooking her signature dishes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was a loving mother and aunt who was known for her altruistic generosity, which she extended to everyone; she served on the Staten-Bracy Louisiana Family Reunion Committee, joined numerous community organizations, participated at PTA meetings, and supported countless extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was a lifelong member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as a deaconess; she was active in fellowship with other churches, participated in the B.B.&O. Association, and delivered meals to the elderly, sick, and bedridden; she worked as a telephone operator for South Central Bell for ten years before gaining employment with the Monroe City School District, where she served in numerous roles; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was attentive to her civic responsibilities and often worked election polls and attended city council and school board meetings; in 2022, she was honored with the Community Service "Unsung Shero" Award during a Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Jean Willis Walker leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her mother, O'Dell Willis; children, Karondalyn Walker, Kalonda Carmouche, and her husband Lionel, Yolanda Kennon, James Ray Willis, and Roderic Willis; grandchildren, Kobe Carmouche and Pariss Willis; siblings, Larry Willis, Donecia Willis, Ferrial Willis, and Ricky Willis; "bonus sister", Patricia Ann Reed; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends; 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 Gloria Jean Willis Walker and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES