

1 distinct ability to identify the unique needs of each child and provide them with the
2 necessary tools to succeed both personally and academically; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was especially passionate about giving her visually
4 impaired students the opportunity to enjoy life experiences outside of the classroom; she
5 often brought her students on hayrides and let them interact with horses and pick vegetables
6 at her home; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was an incredibly knowledgeable and highly respected
8 expert in her professional field, and she traveled around the world to speak at conferences
9 for the Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired; and

10 WHEREAS, Martha was married to the late Gerald A. Simmons for sixty-four years;
11 she was a loving wife and mother, and she truly cherished her grandchildren and great-
12 grandchildren; she was also a regular attendee of daily mass at St. John Catholic Church in
13 Zachary, and she spent countless hour serving, mentoring, and giving her time and talents
14 to serve others in her community; and

15 WHEREAS, Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons leaves to cherish her truly beautiful
16 memory her children, Cinthia "Cindy" Mancuso, Christopher S. Simmons, and Carolyn S.
17 Suber; more than a dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Floyd, Brenda,
18 Stewart, Michael, and Judy; and a host of extended relatives and friends; she will be deeply
19 missed but certainly never forgotten.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Martha
22 Ruth Meaux Simmons and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and
23 loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Martha Meaux Simmons.