

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Katherine Weldon Jean.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 5, 2024, of Katherine Weldon Jean; and

WHEREAS, Katherine was born on June 22, 1927, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Timothy and Katherine Jones Weldon; she is a graduate of McNeese State University, where she received a Bachelor of Education degree in 1961 and a Master of Education degree in 1965; she also completed a master's plus thirty hours; and

WHEREAS, Katherine served as a school teacher in the Calcasieu Parish School System and retired after twenty-five years of dedicated service; she was a founding member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where she served faithfully as a vacation Bible school director for nearly five decades; she also served the church as a choir member, church historian, clerk, and secretary; additionally, she was a founding member of the church's Scholarship Committee and Women's Missionary Union; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean was also an incredibly civic-minded woman who held membership in numerous community organizations; she was a member of the Lake Charles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for sixty-two years; additionally, she held membership in the Lake Charles Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean shared sixty-four loving years of marriage with Edgar Jean; they enjoyed traveling together and were often seen walking hand-in-hand around the Prien Lake Mall; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Weldon Jean leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her children, Betty Lou Jean Sims and Walter Burnell Jean (Mordessa); grandchildren, Kimberly Singleton, Nekiea Singleton, and Dr. Christopher Edgar Lavan (Jessica); great-grandchildren, Alexis Lige, Armani Lige, Collin South, and Nia Perry; sister, Joyce Weldon Reed; and brother, John Lewis Weldon; she will be deeply missed, but her beautiful legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Katherine Weldon Jean 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