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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Maxine Elizabeth Sarpy for her lifetime of work in civil and voting rights

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Maxine Elizabeth Sarpy for her lifetime of work in civil and voting rights.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy exemplifies a legacy of
4 resilience, leadership, and activism, and she stands as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope for
5 future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1962, Maxine was one of the first African American students to
7 graduate from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to education extended beyond her own
9 achievements, serving as an instructor at the University of Texas School of Nursing,
10 imparting knowledge and inspiration to countless students; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Sarpy moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she
12 immediately immersed herself in the civil rights movement, collaborating with local leaders
13 on vital voter registration campaigns and initiatives, and significantly increasing voter
14 participation and representation; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy fearlessly confronted racial injustice in various spheres,
16 including her leadership in the integration of businesses; her pivotal role in launching legal
17 actions to reform the city government of Shreveport; and advocating for equal opportunities
18 for African Americans to serve in positions of governance; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1966 Mrs. Sarpy was called upon by U.S. attorney general, Nicholas
20 Katzenbach, to assist federal registers in the implementation of the Voting Rights Act of
21 1965; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to community service and empowerment
2 extends beyond the realms of civil rights activism; she has served in numerous leadership
3 roles, including being the first woman to serve on Shreveport's city council, and membership
4 on the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission and the State Fair of Louisiana Board; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's dedication to her family, faith, and community is
6 exemplified by her active involvement in church ministries, her service as a mentor and
7 leader in various organizations, and her unwavering commitment to uplifting those around
8 her.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Maxine Elizabeth Sarpy for her lifetime of
11 work in civil and voting rights and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to
12 prosper in all of her endeavors.

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