

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR JENKINS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere condolences upon the passing of Mr. Harry Winters Thomas.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 passing of Shreveport journalist, Harry Winters Thomas.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana  
5 learned of the passing of Harry W. Thomas on April 2, 2024, at the age of seventy; and

6 WHEREAS, Harry Thomas was often described as an iconic personality in local  
7 journalism who contributed indelibly through his forty-year career by uncovering  
8 information, documenting and interpreting significant events and situations, and advocating  
9 for the underrepresented voices; and

10 WHEREAS, his talent and dedication saw him break barriers to become one of the  
11 first Black journalists to be employed in mainstream local media outlets in Northwest  
12 Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, his first-hand knowledge of the challenges facing the Black community  
14 helped him to ask the hard questions that others were not willing to and carved out a  
15 reputation for him as someone who could get to the heart of a story; and

16 WHEREAS, his factual, trustworthy reporting and ability to express complicated  
17 issues in direct terms helped to inform and educate many in the Black community to issues  
18 they may not have otherwise been aware of and also helped to establish the Shreveport Sun

