



1           WHEREAS, Maudrie was first married to the late Adam B. Jones, who passed away  
2 at the young age of forty; in 1973, she married Wilbert O. Ross, Sr., and their marriage  
3 lasted more than two decades before his passing; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Ross was active in many civic organizations and served in a variety  
5 of capacities; she was a past matron of Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Prince  
6 Hall Queen of the Southeastern Star Chapter #14, member of the Golden Circle John J.  
7 Lewis #165, and more; and

8           WHEREAS, Ms. Ross held a variety of jobs throughout her life; she was among the  
9 first African Americans to work as a salesperson at the first Dollar Store in Lake Charles,  
10 Louisiana, and she oversaw the material and shoe departments; she worked for Keystone  
11 Life Insurance as a sales associate and Montgomery Ward as a department manager; and

12           WHEREAS, in 1973, Ms. Ross was hired as the first African American stenographer  
13 at the Calcasieu Parish School Board; she worked as a sales tax clerk and retired after twenty  
14 years of service; and

15           WHEREAS, Ms. Ross loved music, singing, cooking, and providing plates of home-  
16 cooked food to the sick and shut in; she leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Kim  
17 Jones Pete; sons, Kenneth Jones (Cynthia), Keith Jones (Mary), and Patrick Peters (Audrey);  
18 daughter-in-love, Vickie Jones; twenty grandchildren; more than forty great-grandchildren  
19 and great-great-grandchildren; sisters; Linda Grice (Wilmer) and Carolyn Peters; brother,  
20 John Alvin Peters; and a host of bonus children, nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and  
21 friends; she will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Maudrie  
24 Peters Jones Ross and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved  
25 ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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Wilford Carter

Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Maudrie Peters Jones Ross.