

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of James Mason Ballard, Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of James Mason
3 Ballard, Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound sorrow that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens of Louisiana have learned
6 of the death of James Mason Ballard, Sr., on March 4, 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, James Mason Ballard, Sr., was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on June 21,
8 1931, and was instilled with the values of hard work, integrity, and service to others, and
9 these values shaped his lifelong dedication to both his country and his community; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard joined the United States Navy, where he was stationed
11 aboard the USS Agerholm (DD-826) before being honorably discharged and pursuing a
12 career that would impact generations to come; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard earned a bachelor of science in education from Southern
14 University and A&M College, and he went on to dedicate thirty-one years to shaping young
15 minds, particularly at Pine High School, where his influence stretched far beyond the
16 classroom as he guided students toward brighter futures with wisdom, patience, and a deep
17 belief in their potential; and

18 WHEREAS, James was a man of unwavering faith; he was a dedicated member of
19 Holy Family Catholic Church in Franklinton, Louisiana, where his service and commitment
20 to his faith community earned him induction into the Order of St. Louis IX in 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, James was dedicated to public service and strengthening his
2 community; he was a founding member of the Rural Franklinton Water Corporation Board,
3 a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the American Legion,
4 American Association of Retired Persons, the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, and
5 the National Association of Educators; and

6 WHEREAS, James Mason Ballard, Sr., leaves to cherish his beautiful memory his
7 loving wife, Ruby Nelle Harrison Ballard; his children, grandchildren, and great-
8 grandchildren; and his former students and colleagues; his unwavering dedication to his
9 family, students, faith, and community represents the very best of Washington Parish and
10 the state of Louisiana, and he leaves a legacy that will continue to inspire and shape the
11 future of generations to come.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James
14 Mason Ballard, Sr., and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and
15 loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

DIGEST

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