

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and honors Sister Mary Innocenté Wiltz, SSF, for eighty years of devoted religious service, particularly through her ministry in education, and to express heartfelt gratitude and admiration for her enduring legacy of faith, compassion, and community leadership.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and honor Sister Mary Innocenté Wiltz, SSF, for eighty years of devoted religious service, particularly through her ministry in education, and to express heartfelt gratitude and admiration for her enduring legacy of faith, compassion, and community leadership.

WHEREAS, Mary Myrtle Wiltz, affectionately known as "Myrtle" to her family, was born in St. Martinville, Louisiana, the ninth of ten children born to Gabriel Wiltz and Felicia Dugas Wiltz, and was raised in a home deeply rooted in faith and the traditions of Notre Dame Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, she attributes her vocation and spiritual journey to the unwavering love and example of her parents and her nine siblings: Martin Wiltz Sr.; Hilda W. Robertson; Harold Wiltz; Anita W. James; Jack Wiltz; Rita W. Ratliff; Sister Theresa Wiltz; Mary W. Hebert; and Philomena W. Andrews; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eighteen, on September 7, 1945, she entered the order of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she began her religious formation and received the name Sister Mary Innocenté Wiltz; and

WHEREAS, Sister Innocenté professed her first vows on March 19, 1948, and her perpetual vows on August 16, 1953, committing her life to the service of God, the Church,

1 and the education of children; and

2 WHEREAS, throughout her long and impactful career, Sister Innocenté served as an
3 elementary school teacher in numerous schools across Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and
4 Belize, Central America; and

5 WHEREAS, her teaching assignments included Our Lady of Grace in Reserve; St.
6 Paul the Apostle, All Saints, St. Raymond, Corpus Christi, Marian Central, and House of the
7 Holy Family in New Orleans; St. Francis of Assisi in Breaux Bridge; St. Paul's in Lafayette;
8 Marksville Catholic in Marksville; Holy Family in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Sacred Heart in
9 Belize; and

10 WHEREAS, her ministry extended far beyond the classroom - her presence left a
11 "glowing legacy" of love, kindness, compassion, and spiritual wisdom, impacting
12 generations of students, teachers, families, and community members; and

13 WHEREAS, Sister Innocenté exemplifies a vibrant and humble prayer life,
14 generously sharing her devotion with everyone she encounters, faithfully attending daily
15 Mass, leading hymns, praying the Rosary, and joyfully engaging in community activities
16 such as BINGO; and

17 WHEREAS, she is known for offering motherly advice and spiritual comfort, always
18 guided by her cherished message: "Have faith and trust in God. He will not give you more
19 than you can bear"; and

20 WHEREAS, Sister Innocenté remains deeply grateful to the parishioners of Notre
21 Dame Catholic Church and the community of St. Martinville, whose prayers and support
22 have accompanied her throughout her spiritual journey, and she in turn prays daily for them
23 and for all her former students; and

24 WHEREAS, her eighty years of religious life are a shining example of humble
25 service, spiritual strength, and educational leadership.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend and honor Sister Mary Innocenté Wiltz for her extraordinary life of
28 service to the Church, her students, and to her community, and extends its deepest
29 appreciation for the radiant legacy she has built through her faith, devotion, and
30 compassionate leadership.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sister Mary
2 Innocenté Wiltz and to the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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