

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Minnesota
3 House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic passing of
6 Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman; and

7 WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman was born on May 27, 1970, in Fridley, Minnesota, and
8 graduated from Blaine High School in 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman attended Boston University, where she
10 majored in philosophy and political science and graduated in 1991; she earned a juris doctor
11 degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and completed a master of public
12 administration degree at the Harvard Kennedy School; and

13 WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman served in several governmental roles prior
14 to joining the Minnesota Legislature; she was a legislative staffer for U.S. Senators Al Gore
15 and John Kerry; served as a law clerk to Judge John Sommerville in Hennepin County,
16 Minnesota; served on the City Human Relations Commission in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota;
17 and served as an assistant county attorney in Hennepin County; and

18 WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman was elected to the Minnesota House of
19 Representatives in 2004 and served Anoka and Hennepin Counties; as a legislator, she was
20 active in the areas of transportation, K-12 education funding, higher education, energy, and
21 the environment; and

1 WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman served as speaker of the Minnesota House of
2 Representatives from 2019 until January 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman was married to the late Mark Hortman, and
4 she was the mother of two children: Colin and Sophie; and

5 WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman was a consummate public servant and beloved
6 member of her community; she will be deeply missed, but the legacy of her service to and
7 compassion for the citizens of Minnesota shall live on in perpetuity.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of
10 Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman; does hereby extend enduring
11 appreciation for her dedicated service to the state of Minnesota; and does hereby extend
12 sincere wishes that her family, friends, former colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in
13 their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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