

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer of Coral Springs, Florida.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic passing of Nancy Metayer; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Metayer was a distinguished public servant who became the first Black and Haitian-American female commissioner of Coral Springs, Florida; she was elected in 2020 and reelected in 2024, and on November 13, 2025, was appointed by her fellow commissioners to serve a one-year term as the city's vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer held a bachelor of science degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a master of health science degree from Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving on the Coral Springs City Commission, Ms. Metayer led environmental justice efforts across the state of Florida and focused on enhancing community resilience; as an environmental scientist and former member of the Broward County Soil and Water Conservation District, she applied her strategic expertise across government agencies and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer's work was instrumental in addressing water crises and responding to major natural disasters, including Hurricanes Irma, Michael, and Dorian; she was deeply committed to improving environmental conditions, water quality, sanitation, and public health, all of which were reflected by her extensive professional experience; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer envisioned making Coral Springs a leader in sustainability and resilience, and she was dedicated to supporting small businesses and exploring opportunities in solar manufacturing, technology hubs, and other local industries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer was guided by her core values of community service, philanthropy, and stewardship, and she sought to amplify the voices of all citizens and work towards a better future for Coral Springs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Ms. Metayer's responsibilities as vice mayor, she served as a commission liaison to several committees, including the Accessibility Advisory Group, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Charter School Advisory Board and Board of Directors, Environmental Sustainability Committee, Solid Waste Authority, Multicultural Advisory Committee, Broward League of Cities, and the Broward County Climate Change Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer was a member of the Utilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works Committee, which is a Florida League of Cities legislative committee, and an executive board member for Avanse Ansanm and Friends of the Earth, and she was appointed to the Florida League of Cities' 2025-2026 Federal Action Strike Team; she also served on the board of directors for ICLEI USA, which is a non-governmental organization that promotes sustainable development, and later transitioned to the role of senior equity officer to further support the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metayer received numerous awards and honors in recognition of her outstanding public service career; she was listed on the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce's Top 20 Under 40, received the United Nations Clean Water Advocacy Award, and was inducted into the CLEO Institute Leadership Circle; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Metayer was an inspiring woman and trailblazing public servant; although her life was tragically cut short, her outstanding professional achievements and extensive legacy of dedicated public service shall live in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known, loved, and served alongside her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Nancy Metayer; does hereby recognize her trailblazing achievement as the first Black and Haitian-American female commissioner of Coral Springs; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES