

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

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To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the occasion of the passing of Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore was born on July 26, 1941, in Tyler, Texas, and was reared in Franklin, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she was a longtime resident of Potomac, Maryland, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the latter of which she affectionately considered her home; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn departed this life peacefully on April 16, 2026, at her residence in Baton Rouge, surrounded by her loving husband and children; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher Columbus Cherry Jr. and Velda Ann McGarrahan Cherry; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of over sixty-three years, William Henson Moore III; her children, William Henson Moore IV and his wife, Mary, Jennifer Lee Moore McGehee and her husband, Arthur, and Cherry Ann Moore Duckworth and her husband, Theodore; her grandchildren, her step-grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she excelled academically and socially, graduating in 1959 as Franklin High School's salutatorian, also serving as yearbook editor, a Homecoming Court member, Drum Majorette, Most Beautiful Girl, and Miss Franklin High School; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn was selected as a delegate to Pelican Girls State, where she was elected Commissioner of Agriculture, and in later years was invited to return as a counselor, an especially momentous chapter in her life, as it was during this time that she met her future husband, William Henson Moore III, who was also a counselor; and

WHEREAS, her accomplishments extended beyond school as she was crowned Miss St. Mary Parish in 1958, Louisiana's Junior Miss in 1958, International Rice Queen for 1958-1959, and also earning runner-up in the 1960 Miss Baton Rouge Beauty Pageant and the titles of Miss Capital City and Miss Holiday Queen; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn attended Louisiana State University, where she was elected to represent the Junior Division as a freshman and went on to graduate in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, during her years at Louisiana State University, she demonstrated outstanding school spirit and leadership, serving as a cheerleader for four consecutive years, participating in several bowl games, and actively involved in campus life as a member of the National L Club and Pi Beta Phi Sorority; and

WHEREAS, her many honors at LSU also included Darling of the LSU Court, Gumbo Favorite, Rodeo Queen's Court, Sigma Chi Fraternity Court, LSU Centennial Court, Bengal Belle of the Week, and serving as ROTC Sponsor for both the Air Force Squadron and the Army ROTC Pershing Rifles Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn dedicated herself to church and community service, teaching Sunday School at Trinity Episcopal Church, participating in the Junior League and the Congressional Wives Club, and working as a part-time real estate agent in Maryland and Baton Rouge, earning multiple recognitions as an Outstanding Sales Agent from the Montgomery County, Maryland Board of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn lovingly supported her husband's public service career while raising her family and maintaining a warm, loving home; and

WHEREAS, her own commitment to public service was demonstrated through her appointment by President George H. W. Bush as Director of the Presidential Scholars Program in the United States Department of Education, where she served for four years and was awarded a medal for exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, she continued her extensive civic and community involvement in Baton Rouge through her involvement on the Louisiana Governor's Mansion Foundation Board, membership in the Bells Jubilate and Trinity Episcopal Church Bell Ringer Choirs, and numerous social organizations including the Bal Societe, Revelers, Morning Callers, serving as President, Les Saison, and La Fiesta, and also as an active member of the Louisiana Multiple Sclerosis Society, serving on its board; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life she excelled in all of her endeavors and had an extraordinary gift for hospitality and service; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn was known for her servant's heart and unwavering devotion to her family, whom she loved deeply and supported faithfully; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn's life was a testament to faith, service, and love, exemplified in Proverbs 31:28-29, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her. Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore, giving thanks for her many contributions to her family, church, and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to her husband, children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who knew and loved her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE