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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Sharon Dunnings Davis

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Sharon
3	Dunnings Davis.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the House of
5	Representatives has learned of the death of Sharon Dunnings Davis on May 12, 2013, at the
6	age of sixty-one; and
7	WHEREAS, Sharon Antoinette Dunnings was born on November 12, 1951, in
8	Monroe, Louisiana, to Mr. and Mrs. David Edward Dunnings, Sr., and was raised in a devout
9	Catholic home; and
0	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis attended Little Flower Academy through the eleventh grade,
1	and in 1969, the school merged with St. Frederick High School, she was part of the first
12	integrated graduating class; and
13	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from
14	Northeast Louisiana University and a master's degree, plus thirty, in education from
15	Louisiana Tech University; and
16	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis was crowned Miss Black Monroe in 1969, and at Northeast
17	Louisiana University, she become the first black class queen when she was elected by the
18	student body as Miss Freshman on the homecoming court; and
19	WHEREAS, on July 28, 1979, she married the love of her life, S.P. Davis, and their
20	union was blessed with two loving children, Kharmen Kanessa Davis and S.P. Davis, Jr.; she
21	was also the stepmother of Timothy Beaver and Kylie Cotton; and

1	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis taught for nearly thirty years at various schools in the north
2	Louisiana area, including Little Flower Academy, Summer Grove Elementary, T.L Rhodes
3	Elementary, Butler Elementary, Bossier Elementary, and Rusheon Middle School; and
4	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis served as assistant principal of Greenacres Middle School,
5	where she also initiated the first black history program, and was named Teacher of the Year
6	in 1997 at Butler Elementary; and
7	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis was very active at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
8	Catholic Church and was an honorary member of her husband's church, Rocksprings Baptist
9	Church Number Two of Plain Dealing; and
10	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis was also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
11	Inc., and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and was a founding member of the
12	Coalition for Social Justice, an advocacy organization for civil justice and community
13	service; and
14	WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, S.P.
15	Davis, Sr.; two children, Kharmen Davis and S.P. Davis, Jr.; five siblings, Lawana Dunnings
16	Holmes and husband Jeffery, Terez Dunnings, Mechelle Dunnings Harris, Michael Dunnings
17	and wife Cheryl, and Marvelle Dunnings; one aunt, Faye Taylor Bess; one sister-in-law,
18	Essie Mae Graham and husband Clyde; three brothers-in-law, Andrew Davis and wife
19	Charlesetta, Charles Davis and wife Gloria, Earl Davis and wife Elaine; and a host of nieces,
20	nephews, relatives, and friends; and
21	WHEREAS, the death of Mrs. Davis has left a tremendous void in her community
22	and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew her, and she leaves behind a rich
23	legacy of hard work, tenacity, courage, determination, and integrity and will forever be
24	remembered for the impact she had on the lives of the countless students and other
25	individuals whose lives she touched over the years.
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
28	death of Sharon Dunnings Davis, does hereby record for posterity her remarkable gifts and
29	profound talents, her outstanding abilities, and her generosity and kindness, does hereby
30	extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that his extraordinary woman will

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- 1 forever bring to her family and friends, her community, and the state of Louisiana, and does
- 2 hereby express the deep regret of the entire state upon the loss of this phenomenal woman.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 4 to the family of Sharon Dunnings Davis.

## **DIGEST**

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