

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 223

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Mildred Ida Byrd Pugh of Shreveport

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mildred Ida  
3 Byrd Pugh of Shreveport.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of  
5 Representatives has learned of the death of Mildred Ida Byrd Pugh on Saturday, May 25,  
6 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, Mildred Ida Byrd was born on July 2, 1931, to R.E. Byrd, Sr., and Ida  
8 Stephens Byrd; and

9 WHEREAS, Mildred accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and  
10 attended Oak Hill School, and she was a member of the last graduating class of Central  
11 Colored High School in Shreveport, where she was the 1949 class president; and

12 WHEREAS, Mildred earned her undergraduate degree from Grambling State  
13 University in 1954, and she obtained her master's in education from Prairie View A&M  
14 College of Texas in 1962; and

15 WHEREAS, in August 1952, Mildred was joined in holy matrimony to Willie James  
16 Pugh, and she taught in the schools of Caddo parish for twenty-five years, eventually serving  
17 as assistant principal of Woodlawn High School; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh served for over sixteen years on the Caddo Parish School  
19 Board, including two terms as president of the board, and founded the Queensborough  
20 Neighborhood Association; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh was a member of the National Council of Negro Women, the  
2 National Centralites, the Retired Teachers Association, the Caddo Parish Education  
3 Association, and the National Centralites Scholarship Committee dedicated to the class of  
4 1943; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh received many awards and accolades throughout her life and  
6 she also managed many political and civic campaigns, including the election campaign of  
7 the late State Representative Danny R. Mitchell; and

8           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh was preceded in death by her parents, R.E. Byrd, Sr., and Ida  
9 Stephens Byrd; her husband, Willie James Pugh; and two brothers, Clinton C. Byrd and  
10 Joseph Lee Byrd; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh leaves to cherish her precious memory her children,  
12 Frederick Cook, Gerald Cook, and Charles Stephens and wife Melva; one granddaughter,  
13 Nadia; two brothers, R.E. Byrd, Jr., and wife Margaret and Rudolph Moses Byrd and wife  
14 Margaret; one sister-in-law, Thelma Byrd; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,  
15 colleagues, and many friends; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pugh was a woman of true benevolence and grace and will be  
17 remembered for her kindness, love for her community, and her generous spirit; and

18           WHEREAS, the death of Mrs. Pugh has left an abiding void in the many lives she  
19 touched throughout her life, and her memory shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of  
20 all those who knew and loved her.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere sorrow and heartfelt condolences  
23 upon the death of Mildred Ida Byrd Pugh, does hereby recognize her extraordinary faith and  
24 many years of service to the Caddo Parish School Board, school system and the state of  
25 Louisiana, does hereby record for posterity her tremendous gifts as an educator,  
26 administrator, and public official, and does hereby express the deep regret of the entire state  
27 upon the loss of this remarkable woman.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
29 to the family of Mildred Ida Byrd Pugh.

DIGEST

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