

1 in physics from Penn State University graduating as the youngest member of his class and
2 finishing at the top of his class; and

3 WHEREAS, he became a physics professor and chaired the departments at many
4 prestigious universities that included Morehouse College, where he became acquainted with
5 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and with whom he shared similar beliefs in the brotherhood of
6 man and peaceful coexistence among nations; and his academic expertise propelled him to
7 seats on the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley, New York University, and
8 in Baton Rouge, Southern University and A&M College and Louisiana State University and
9 A&M College, until his retirement from teaching in 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Mohanty also served as the head of Louisiana University of Medical
11 Sciences, an organization whose purpose is to eliminate the shortage of primary care
12 physicians and health care providers in underserved areas of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1964, he was a catalyst in the creation of the Institute of All Nations
14 for Advanced Studies, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation permanently chartered by the
15 regents of the state of New York, that originated under the co-chairmanship of former United
16 States Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and former United Nations Ambassador
17 Arthur S. Lall; Dr. Mohanty served as its general secretary until his death; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Institute of All Nations for Advanced Studies adopted a
19 resolution that World Peace Day shall be observed internationally each October first; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Mohanty was moved to form the institute after witnessing religious
21 persecution of innocents and the brutality of oppressive regimes in his native India; these
22 events convinced him that to encourage inner peace within the individual is vital to the
23 establishment of meaningful peace throughout all nations; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Mohanty was a proactive model citizen of the world who
25 ascertained that every human being was worthy of respect; his travels took him to many
26 exotic locales to attend conferences and speak at international summits, all in the name of
27 brotherly love and civility toward all races and creeds; and

28 WHEREAS, since 2001, the Legislature of Louisiana has annually adopted a
29 resolution to designate October 1 as World Peace Day; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Mohanty is survived by his loving wife, Anasuya; a son, Bijoy; a

1 daughter, Lipika and her husband, Kendall Kearns; a granddaughter, Allyson M. Aladana,
2 and an international family of brethren who mourn his passing; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rama Mohanty was a unique individual, a kind man of genuine
4 intellect and great integrity who possessed a sincere compassion for all of mankind and who
5 championed the cause of world peace.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Rama C. Mohanty, PhD.,
8 peacemaker and founder of the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 recognize the lifetime achievements of Dr. Rama Mohanty and celebrate his message of
11 peace and goodwill.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
13 widow, Mrs. Anasuya Mohanty.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Rama Mohanty.