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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATOR CROWE

CONDOLENCES. Offers condolences upon the death of the former Southeastern Louisiana University president, Clea Parker.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the
3	former president of Southeastern Louisiana University, Clea Edward Parker.
4	WHEREAS, Clea Edward Parker served as president of Southeastern Louisiana
5	University for over twelve years, from January, 1968 through June, 1980; and
6	WHEREAS, during Dr. Parker's tenure as president, the school transitioned from a
7	college to a university, which increased its standing among post-secondary institutions; and
8	WHEREAS, Southeastern Louisiana University experienced a forty percent growth
9	in enrollment during Dr. Parker's term as president; and
10	WHEREAS, Dr. Parker obtained legislative approval to undertake an ambitious
11	renovation and construction program at the university, including the building of the
12	Southeastern School of Nursing in Baton Rouge, the C.E. Cate Teacher Education Center,
13	the Athletic Building, D. Vickers Hall (the Humanities building), the Health and Physical
14	Education Building, the new Sims Memorial Library, and the Southeastern University
15	Center; and
16	WHEREAS, a hallmark of Dr. Parker's term as president were his efforts to increase
17	the role of students in the university, including involvement in the determination of what
18	graduate programs to be offered; and

1	WHEREAS, Dr. Parker increased student involvement by naming students to serve
2	on university-wide committees, having an open-door policy for students to visit with him
3	in his office, and visiting students in cafeterias, classrooms, and on the grounds; and
4	WHEREAS, Clea Edward Parker was born to William and Lutretia Davis Parker on
5	April 2, 1927, in Talasheek, Louisiana, in St. Tammany Parish; and
6	WHEREAS, Parker's life was one committed to education, beginning as an instructor
7	at Rugby Academy in New Orleans and continuing through seventeen years in the St.
8	Tammany Parish School System as a teacher, coach, supervisor, and eventually, Director of
9	Curriculum and Instruction for the parish school system; and
10	WHEREAS, Parker served as principal of Mandeville High School and was the first
11	graduate of that school to serve as its principal; and
12	WHEREAS, Parker earned his Bachelor of Arts at Southeastern Louisiana College
13	and, interestingly, was the first alumnus of that institution to serve as its president; and
14	WHEREAS, Parker earned a Master of Education and Doctor of Education degrees
15	from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and
16	WHEREAS, in his many years as an educator, Dr. Parker served on a number of
17	local, state, and national committees and was recognized by many educational organizations
18	as a leader in the field of education; and
19	WHEREAS, Dr. Parker considered education to be a lifetime endeavor, and he
20	attended training and classes at Tulane University, Peabody College, the University of
21	Kansas, and the University of Maryland; and
22	WHEREAS, after his tenure as president, Dr. Parker was named President Emeritus
23	and he remained vitally interested in and active with the life of Southeastern Louisiana
24	University, attending events and inquiring as to the state of the university and offering his
25	assistance; and
26	WHEREAS, Dr. Parker is survived by his wife of more than sixty years,
27	Peggy Faciane Parker, and sons Brian and Stephen and their families and daughters
28	Karen Parker Ellis and Robin Parker and their families; and
29	WHEREAS, current president of Southeastern Louisiana University, John L. Crain,
30	remarked that Parker's "lifelong commitment to education serves as an inspiration for us all".

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 2 express its sincere condolences upon the death of the former president of Southeastern 3 Louisiana University, Clea Edward Parker. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. 5 Parker's wife of more than sixty years, Peggy Faciane Parker of Hammond, Louisiana. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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