

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".

1 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.

4 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
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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University, Clea Edward Parker.