

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Rennie Elizabeth Wascom Stewart.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Rennie Elizabeth Wascom Stewart.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret that the members of the Senate of the Legislature  
5 of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Rennie Elizabeth Wascom Stewart on Saturday,  
6 April 26, 2014, at the age of ninety-seven; and

7 WHEREAS, Rennie Elizabeth Wascom Stewart, a former resident of Livingston,  
8 Louisiana, and forty-five year resident of Albany, Louisiana, was born on February 23, 1917,  
9 the oldest daughter and one of nine children of the late William David Wascom and Beatrice  
10 Virginia Gates Wascom of Holden, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, she grew up on a small farm with strawberries as the primary money  
12 crop, attended school in Holden, and her most delightful recreation was swimming; and

13 WHEREAS, she met Norman Stewart and on January 10, 1934, they were married,  
14 while Rennie was still in high school; and

15 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband on April 24, 1973, and Mrs.  
16 Stewart had been a widow for forty-one years and two days; and

17 WHEREAS, she was also preceded in death by all four brothers and one sister:  
18 Neumay, Percy, William Jr., Clifton, and Catherine Mae Wascom Aime; and

1           WHEREAS, she is survived by three sisters: Mildred Wascom Stewart Lewis, Fanny  
2 Lucille Wascom Kinchen, and Doris Wascom Collins Carney; five children and their  
3 spouses: Benjamin and Joyce Simeon Stewart, Jacky and Norma Snelgrove Stewart,  
4 Chalmous Stewart, Joyce Ann Stewart and Paul J. Cook, and Charlotte Stewart-Smith and  
5 Ronnie Smith; fourteen grandchildren including eight grandsons and six granddaughters:  
6 David Kevin Stewart, John Paul Stewart, Richard Norman Stewart, Stephen Brent Stewart,  
7 Chalmous Logan Stewart, Wilson Nilsson Kain, Barnabas Quentin Hoffman, Nathan Daniel  
8 Aime; Carmela Stewart Matthews, Glenda Jenee Fox, Karen Sue Fox, April McKeel  
9 Holliday, Alysha Stewart Howes, and Amanda Stewart Walden; and by twenty-three  
10 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Rennie was a member of the Holiness faith and The Lone Pine  
12 Church of God in Albany and spent her widowed years writing religious tracts and trying  
13 to guide all to repentance and eternal life as serving the Lord brought her great joy and kept  
14 a smile on her face; and

15           WHEREAS, she also wrote her life story and shared it with many family members  
16 and friends; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Rennie was also known as "Granny Stewart" and was featured in  
18 The Hammond Daily Star and the Livingston Parish News in articles highlighting her love  
19 of music and her participation in "The Granny Stewart Band" as well as her last adventurous  
20 ride on the back of her son's motorcycle only a year ago; and

21           WHEREAS, Rennie Elizabeth Wascom Stewart has left an abiding void in the many  
22 lives she touched throughout her life and her memory shall remain eternal in the hearts and  
23 minds of all those who knew and loved her.

24           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
25 does hereby express its sincere sorrow and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Rennie  
26 Elizabeth Wascom Stewart, does hereby recognize her extraordinary faith and many years  
27 of service, does hereby record for posterity her tremendous gifts, and does hereby express  
28 the deep regret of the entire state upon the loss of this remarkable woman.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb

SR No. 111

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