

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., of Rayville

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of the Reverend  
3 Willie Minor, Jr., of Rayville.

4 WHEREAS, the Lord God spirited away the soul of the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr.,  
5 on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the age of eighty-seven, well beyond the three score and ten  
6 years promised in Psalm 90:10 to believers by the grace of God; and

7 WHEREAS, early in his adult life, Willie Minor, Jr., answered the call of duty to his  
8 country through service in the Army; and

9 WHEREAS, the realm of education was dear to Mr. Minor: upon receiving a  
10 bachelor's degree from Grambling State University in science and a master's degree in  
11 education from Murray State University in Kentucky, he returned to Richland Parish where  
12 he was a teacher, administrator, and assistant principal and retired after twenty-five years of  
13 service; and

14 WHEREAS, heeding the call of God upon his life, the Reverend Minor entered  
15 United Theological Seminary in Monroe in 1975, and while there, he was called to pastor  
16 St. Paul Baptist Church and shepherded that flock for more than thirty-seven years; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Morning Star Baptist Church congregation in Bastrop was led  
18 to call the Reverend Minor, where he served as pastor for twenty-eight years, laboring in  
19 dual vineyards, spreading the Word of God and bringing lost souls to Christ; and

20 WHEREAS, the Reverend Minor maintained membership at Pleasant Grove #1  
21 Baptist Church in Rayville while pastoring both St. Paul and New Morning Star; and

1           WHEREAS, the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., leaves to mourn his passing his wife,  
2 Orleana Simmons Minor; his daughters, Amanda, Shelia, and Wilma; his grandchildren; and  
3 the members of the congregations he pastored so faithfully over the years; and

4           WHEREAS, the children of God do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for  
5 according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, in that great getting-up morning the Reverend Willie  
6 Minor, Jr., will be among the dead in Christ who shall rise first upon the return of Jesus  
7 Christ and be reunited with those who received the Gospel and believed because of his  
8 ministry.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest sympathies upon the death of the  
11 Reverend Willie Minor, Jr.; does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends,  
12 and congregations the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., has left behind; and does hereby share in  
13 prayers and the comfort of God's Word in this time of bereavement, and in the hopes of  
14 reunion in the Lord.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
16 to Mrs. Orleana Simmons Minor.

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#### DIGEST

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