

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the passing of Reverend Willie Minor Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Reverend Willie Minor Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 and the members of the Louisiana Senate have learned of the death of Reverend Willie
6 Minor Jr., on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the age of eighty-seven; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Minor was a longtime native of Richland Parish, born on
8 December 29, 1926, and lived in Rayville, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Willie Minor Jr., served his country and his state in the United States
10 Army; and

11 WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree from Grambling State University,
12 science and master's degree in education from Murray State in Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated educator in Louisiana, serving as a teacher,
14 administrator, and assistant principal at Holly Ridge Schools in Richland Parish where he
15 retired after twenty-five years of service; and

16 WHEREAS, he began his ministry in 1975, following his attendance at the United
17 Theological Seminary in Monroe, Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Minor began his ministry at the St. Paul Baptist Church in

1 Rayville where he ministered throughout his career, and he also became the pastor of the
2 New Morning Star Baptist Church in Bastrop where he ministered for twenty-eight years;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, after thirty-seven and a half years of preaching and pastoring, when his
5 health began to fail, Reverend Minor retired from the pulpits and continued his worship as
6 a member of the Pleasant Grove #1 Baptist Church, Rayville, Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to Orleana Simmons and through their union
8 he became the cherished father of their three daughters; Amanda, Shelia and Wilma and a
9 devoted grandfather; he was also a dedicated relative whose love of family and friends were
10 of the utmost importance in his life; and

11 WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
12 the death of Reverend Willie Minor Jr. has left a void in his community and in our state and
13 has created a genuine sense of profound sorrow in his friends and family; and

14 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
15 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like the
16 Reverend Willie Minor Jr., who dedicate their lives to serving others and making the world
17 a better place for our future generations.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 acknowledges with gratitude the outstanding service and many accomplishments of
20 Reverend Willie Minor Jr., and extends its sincere condolences to his family on the occasion
21 of his death.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of Reverend Willie Minor Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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