

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY SENATORS WARD AND BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. Elisabeth L. Oliver.

WHEREAS, Dr. Elisabeth "Lisi" L. Oliver was affectionately called "Lisi" by all who knew and loved her; and

WHEREAS, she was considered to be a keystone member of Louisiana State University's English linguistics faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of the English language, linguistics, Old English Literature, and Middle English Literature, among other courses; and

WHEREAS, a fellow LSU English professor and a graduate student remembered Dr. Oliver as a beloved scholar, musician, and avid cyclist; and

WHEREAS, she was preparing for an annual cycling trip to France prior to her passing; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 7, 2015, Dr. Oliver was fatally struck while walking along a road after bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver had cycled all over the country and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver will be greatly missed and always will be cherished by her co-workers and the many students she has taught; and

WHEREAS, she was a vital and visible figure in Medieval Studies in the United States and Europe, who was graced with the most distinguished scholarly academic award given by the LSU academic community, Distinguished Research Master, and was a core faculty member, serving as Director of the Interdepartmental Program in Linguistics at LSU; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver received her bachelor degree at Smith College and her doctorate at Harvard University, where she taught for a year prior to joining the LSU faculty; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at LSU she received numerous awards and honors including grants to support student research travel to Kalamazoo, London, and other places; and

WHEREAS, she was extremely influential in the lives of her students and many of them refer to her as their adoptive mother; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to mourn the loss and remember to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Elisabeth "Lisi" L. Oliver.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. Elisabeth "Lisi" L. Oliver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Elisabeth "Lisi" L. Oliver.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE