

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mrs. Lillie Goff Jones on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mrs. Lillie Goff Jones on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Hammond, Louisiana, and Tangipahoa Parish, Mrs. Lillie
4 Goff Jones was born on June 13, 1926; and

5 WHEREAS, she worked for the Tangipahoa Parish School System for more than
6 twenty years as a school bus driver transporting hundreds of neighborhood children to school
7 and often serving as their surrogate mother and mentor; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones and her late husband, Illinois Jones Sr., operated
9 Woodhaven Grocery for more than forty years in Hammond and continues to do so today;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, she is the mother of nine children, thirty grandchildren, sixty
12 great-grandchildren; and forty great-great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was instrumental in having the Tangipahoa Parish Police
14 Jury provide safe bridges and paved dirt roads for bus drivers to carry children to and from
15 school; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern
17 Star and is the Mother of her church, the Greater Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
18 in Hammond; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is a locally renowned vocalist and is often asked to sing
2 when visiting local churches; and

3 WHEREAS, she collects brooches and hats and her collection rivals most; and

4 WHEREAS, her hobbies include fishing, quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting,
5 crossword puzzles, reading, and she is an avid sports fan; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is a great cook and famous for her Boston Creme pie and
7 roasted duck; and

8 WHEREAS, she also maintains a garden year-round and enjoys a healthy lifestyle,
9 often using holistic remedies to cure everyday ailments; and

10 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities,
11 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Mrs.
12 Lillie Goff Jones; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Goff Jones merits a special measure of commendation for
14 the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community, the state of Louisiana, and
15 to all who know and love her.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby commend Mrs. Lillie Goff Jones upon the celebration of her ninetieth birthday
18 on June 13, 2016; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary life she
19 has lived in the ninety years since her birth; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for
20 continued happiness in the years to come.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs.
22 Lillie Goff Jones.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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