

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR WHITE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE