

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Rufus C.  
3 Johnson, Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of  
5 Representatives has learned of the death of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr., on Tuesday, May 17,  
6 2016, at the age of eighty-one; and

7 WHEREAS, Rufus C. Johnson, Jr., was born on July 15, 1934, in Bunkie, to Rufus  
8 and Gladys Johnson; and

9 WHEREAS, education was important to Mr. Johnson; in 1954, he received a  
10 bachelor's degree from Grambling State University; he furthered his education at Southern  
11 University, where he received a master's degree, and he received a master's plus thirty from  
12 Louisiana State University; and

13 WHEREAS, his contributions to education in Avoyelles Parish are exemplary; in  
14 1954, he began his career in education as a math teacher; and

15 WHEREAS, he proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1955  
16 until 1957; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Johnson became the principal of Marksville Middle  
18 School, a position he held until his retirement in 2003; he also taught in St. Landry Parish  
19 and was employed with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of St. John Community Church-Baptist,  
21 where he served as director emeritus of the finance ministry, corresponding secretary of the

1 Circle of Brothers, a board member for Christian education, the general church secretary,  
2 a registered church agent, superintendent of Sunday School, and a member of the board of  
3 directors for T.A.S.T.E. of St. John, Inc.; and

4 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Roxanne Goree;  
5 and his siblings, Roland and Dorothy; and

6 WHEREAS, left to cherish Mr. Johnson's memory are his beloved wife, Bobbie; his  
7 children, Deborah Kay Brown, Lynette Juneau, Renetta Johnson, and Ritchie Craig Johnson;  
8 his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; his brother, Robert A. Johnson; and  
9 numerous other relatives and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, with the death of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr., Louisiana has lost one of her  
11 finest citizens, a true gentleman who left an indelible mark on the many individuals whose  
12 lives he touched; and

13 WHEREAS, although the death of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr., has left a tremendous void  
14 in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and  
15 loved him.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the  
18 death of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr.; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his  
19 outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions to education; and does hereby  
20 extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man  
21 will forever bring to his family and friends, his community, the state of Louisiana, and the  
22 United States of America.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
24 to the family of Rufus C. Johnson, Jr.

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#### DIGEST

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