

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of St. John Community Church-Baptist, where he served as director emeritus of the finance ministry, corresponding secretary of the Circle of Brothers, a board member for Christian education, the general church secretary, a registered church agent, superintendent of Sunday School, and a member of the board of directors for T.A.S.T.E. of St. John, Inc.; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES