

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR PERRY

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Virgie Mary Broussard Foreman.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the passing of Virgie Mary Broussard Foreman, of Indian Bayou, on June 9, 2016, at age ninety-four; and

WHEREAS, she was born on June 16, 1921, to Armance Broussard Sr. and Ella Schexneider; and

WHEREAS, Virgie was an avid supporter of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H, served as president on the parish, state and national levels of L.V.F.C, and was inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame and the National 4-H Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, as a 4-H volunteer over sixty-one years, beginning in 1955, she served in many capacities from judging contests, including cookery contests, to mentoring students, her positive attitude and conscientious demeanor bringing out the best in all; she served as a 4-H club organizational leader at Indian Bayou Elementary for over twenty-five years; and she assisted hundreds of children in exploring opportunities in 4-H; and

WHEREAS, Virgie Foreman also served as president of the Vermilion Parish Association for Family and Community Education and during her term, she helped establish a scholarship fund that is awarded annually to a student enrolled in Agriculture or in a Home Economics related field from which over twenty-six Vermilion Parish students have benefitted, and she continued to serve on the fundraising and selection committees for this scholarship fund; and

WHEREAS, Virgie held a three-year chairman position as well as a three-year vice chairman position on the Vermilion Parish 4-H Foundation, during which the foundation raised \$75,000 used to operate the parish 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, she received the Supriya Jindal Foundation for Louisiana's Children Award from then Louisiana First Lady Supriya Jindal; and

WHEREAS, Virgie Foreman was preceded in death by her husband, Youngs Foreman; parents, Armance Broussard Sr., and the former Ella Schexneider; brothers Oscar, Lorman and Dalton Lormand, Lawrence "Sing" Broussard and Armance Broussard Jr.; sisters, Verna Smith and Emma Stein; great-grandchild, Victor Gisclair; and step-great-grandson, Shane Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her three daughters, Gwendolyn Comeaux and her husband Larry, Patricia Guidry and her husband McRay, and Peggy Gisclair and her husband Larry; sister, Dorothy B. Menard; ten grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Virgie Foreman was a committed and dedicated citizen of Louisiana, genuine and sincere in her efforts to assist the youth, always putting them first, who believed that we were all put on this earth to do the best we can to the best of our abilities with a positive attitude, and who will forever be remembered for her generosity and the joy she left in the hearts of all she knew; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like Virgie Mary Broussard Foreman who dedicated themselves and their lives to children, and to making Louisiana a better place for future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere condolences upon the death of Virgie Mary Broussard Foreman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Virgie Mary Broussard Foreman.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE