

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of the Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of the Reverend  
3 Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 Louisiana House of Representatives learned of the death of the Reverend Dr. E. Edward  
6 Jones, Sr., on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at the age of eighty-five; and

7 WHEREAS, E. Edward Jones, Sr., was born on May 3, 1931, in DeRidder; at the age  
8 of seventeen, he attended Grambling State University, where he received a bachelor of  
9 science degree in elementary education in 1952; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1949, at the age of eighteen, he became licensed to preach; he was  
11 ordained a Baptist Minister in 1951; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 31, 1952, Reverend Jones was united in holy matrimony to  
13 Leslie M. Alexander; their union was blessed with four children, nine grandchildren, and  
14 five great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1961, he received a bachelor of arts degree in religion and philosophy  
16 from Bishop College; and

17 WHEREAS, early in his career, he was an elementary school teacher and a coach;  
18 he helped build recreational facilities, educational facilities, and establish programs for the  
19 youth to ensure their success as contributing citizens in their communities; and

1           WHEREAS, Reverend Jones served as pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
2 in Shreveport for nearly sixty years; and

3           WHEREAS, he was president emeritus for the National Baptist Convention of  
4 America; he was a strong advocate for the development of housing, education, and services  
5 for the black community; and

6           WHEREAS, Reverend Jones was an important leader in the most difficult days of  
7 the civil rights movement; in 1957, he met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and worked closely  
8 with him through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

9           WHEREAS, Reverend Jones spearheaded the desegregation of the Caddo Parish  
10 School System in Shreveport; in 1965, he filed a lawsuit on behalf of his daughter, Beryl  
11 Jones, which led to her and two other students becoming the first black students to attend an  
12 all-white school in Caddo Parish; and

13           WHEREAS, Reverend Jones was viewed as a man with a vision; his passion for  
14 helping others was evident by his astounding accomplishments; and

15           WHEREAS, he was instrumental in creating Galilee City, an effort which helped  
16 revitalize Shreveport's Allendale neighborhood; and

17           WHEREAS, he was the recipient of numerous awards; he held more than eight  
18 honorary doctoral degrees, including a doctorate of Sacred Theology and a doctorate of  
19 humanities; he received the National Award for Outstanding Service by Alpha Phi Alpha  
20 Fraternity, and he was inducted into the Grambling State University Hall of Fame in 1986  
21 and the Northwest Louisiana Hall of Fame in 1992; from 1986 to 2003, *Ebony* magazine  
22 listed him as one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans"; and

23           WHEREAS, Reverend Jones built a legacy as a husband, father, grandfather, great-  
24 grandfather, pastor, community leader, civil rights activist, and denominational leader; and

25           WHEREAS, the death of the Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr., has left a  
26 tremendous void in his community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many  
27 individuals who mourn the loss of the kind nature and bright mind of this wonderful man  
28 whose memory shall forever remain in their minds and hearts.

29           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the

1 death of the Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr., and does hereby extend posthumous honor  
2 and recognition to Reverend Jones for his incomparable legacy which is marked by the deep  
3 pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and friends, his community, his  
4 church, and to the state of Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
6 to the family of the Reverend Dr. E. Edward Jones, Sr.

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DIGEST

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