

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Willie Lee Carr "Madear" Kirkendoll.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned that Willie Lee Carr "Madear" Kirkendoll on April 11, 2018, at the age of ninety-three transitioned from earth's garden; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Carr's two biggest passions in life were her family and gardening, of which she poured a tremendous amount of time and love into; and

WHEREAS, the bountiful love Willie Lee Carr showered her family, friends, church, community, and so many others with, earned her the affectionate name "Madear"; and

WHEREAS, Madear's marital union to Ed Kirkendoll required an endless amount of love which she poured upon their seven children as they welcomed Ed's five other children into their family; and

WHEREAS, Madear's love was evident through her active membership in every church she was a member of, in her community through her membership with the Star of Hope Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and Esther Chapter 3; and

WHEREAS, Madear extended that love further by serving as a role model, mentor and a "grand-friend" to children with exceptional needs through the Caddo Community Action Agency as a foster grandparent for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Madear is survived by her three sons, JD Carr, Larry Kirkendoll, and David Kirkendoll; seven daughters, Lula Mae Bradford, Eddie Mae Washington, Earnstine Kesley, Virgie Mae Haynes, Octavia Thomas, Ida Mims, and Eleanora Harris; play daughter Barbara Glover, godson Deon Bryant, twenty-three grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives, friends, and play granddaughter Quintina Jones; and

WHEREAS, those who were blessed to feel the love of Willie Lee Carr "Madear" Kirkendoll will always describe and remember her as one of God's most beautiful mums.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Willie Lee Carr "Madear" Kirkendoll, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brought to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Willie Lee Carr "Madear" Kirkendoll.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE