

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY SENATOR TARVER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Norma Jean Jernigan Blake.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Norma Jean Jernigan Blake of Shreveport.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Norma Jean Jernigan
6 Blake on April 21, 2018, after being stricken with a massive stroke, at age eighty; and

7 WHEREAS, she was born on January 22, 1938, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to the late
8 Claude and Nancy (Gilliam) Jernigan, was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High
9 School, and there she met her husband, Pastor Harry Blake; and they were married on
10 August 31, 1958, and are the parents of four children; and

11 WHEREAS, while, her husband, Pastor Harry Blake is a recognized icon in the Civil
12 Rights Movement, she was the force behind the force that lead to justice and equality for
13 many; she was the First Lady of the Mount Canaan Missionary Baptist Church for fifty-two
14 years where she was also an active member; and

15 WHEREAS, Norma Jean Blake is survived by her beloved husband of fifty-nine
16 years; daughters, Elizabeth (Kerek), Monica (Collier); sons, Harry (Evelyn) and Rodney;
17 sixteen grandchildren; one sister, Claude Ester; brothers-in-law Herman (Mary) and Robert
18 Blake; a sister-in-law, Carol Blake Rachal (John); and a host of nieces, nephews and other

