

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Mattie Mae Durant Cockerham Williams

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mattie Mae  
3 Durant Cockerham Williams.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 House of Representatives have learned of the death of Mattie Mae Durant Cockerham  
6 Williams; and

7 WHEREAS, Mattie Mae Durant Cockerham Williams was born August 22, 1932,  
8 to Lena Bell Jones and Thomas James Durant, Sr., in Mansfield; she attended DeSoto Parish  
9 Training School and graduated from Southern University and Northwestern State University;  
10 she also attended Denver State University, University of Wichita Falls, and the University  
11 of South Carolina; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 12, 1961, she married Herman D. Cockerham; the two shared  
13 a magical love between them that lasted until Herman's death; and

14 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1990, she met another that would become her soul mate;  
15 she married Silas Williams on June 27, 1992; they enjoyed twenty-five years of matrimony;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, she was an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church having been  
18 baptized at the age of five; and

19 WHEREAS, her warm-hearted nature was evident in her thirty-four years of service  
20 in the DeSoto Parish school system; and

1           WHEREAS, although never a birth mother, she was the matriarch and second mom  
2 to her siblings and their families; she showed exemplary kindness and mercy to all; and

3           WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Silas Williams; four sisters Doretta  
4 Williams, and her husband Albert; Glenda Heard, and her husband Larry; Myrtis Sims; and  
5 Olver V. Melton; and two brothers Thomas Durant, Jr. and his wife Annie; and Curtis  
6 Durant; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family, and friends.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its genuine sorrow at the loss of Mattie Mae  
9 Durant Cockerham Williams; does hereby extend condolences to her family upon her death;  
10 and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
12 to the family of Mattie Mae Durant Cockerham Williams.

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