

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES