

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Ernest Nabers Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Ernest Nabers Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Ernest Nabers Jr. on Saturday, April 28,
6 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. was born on September 28, 1929, in Birmingham,
8 Alabama, the second child born to the union of Ernest Nabers Sr. and Mattie Simmons
9 Nabers; and

10 WHEREAS, he received his elementary and high school training in Altoona,
11 Pennsylvania, where, in high school, he was an outstanding athlete in football and track, and
12 graduated from Altoona High School in 1949; and

13 WHEREAS, it was his mother's desire for him to have the best education possible,
14 so she took her life savings and bought a one-way train ticket to Louisiana so that he could
15 attend college; and

16 WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. played football and furthered his education at Leland
17 College in Baker, Louisiana, where the motto was *Non nobis sed omnibus*, (Not for
18 ourselves, but for others), which became his life's work; and

1 WHEREAS, Leland College was also where he met his beautiful wife, Annie Laura
2 Brown; and

3 WHEREAS, after graduating from Leland College and earning a master's degree +30
4 at Southern University in Baton Rouge, he helped many other young students continue their
5 education, as Wilbur Bryson and Lawrence Thornton had done for him; and

6 WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers was very active in the community and church; he was an
7 educator and football, basketball, and track coach at Paul Breaux High School; assistant
8 principal at Lafayette High School; principal at Northside High School and N.P. Moss
9 Middle School, and Superintendent of Recreation and Parks for the city of Lafayette; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors,
11 Lafayette Chapter of Southern University Alumni Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
12 MLK Holiday Committee, Kiwanis S.W., S.A.L.T, and a LHSAA Top 28 Volunteer; and

13 WHEREAS, in his church, Ernest Nabers served on the steward and trustee boards
14 and as an usher; and

15 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and six sisters;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ernest Nabers Jr. is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Annie Laura
18 Brown Nabers; three children: Gabriel (Leona) Nabers, Wilbur Lawrence (Dena) Nabers,
19 and Damita Marie Nabers (Errol) Rogers; seventeen grandchildren: Andrea N. Jones (Fred),
20 Tonya D. Nabers, Faydra N. Allen (Reginald), Dominique R. Donaldson (Al), Desiree R.
21 Rogers (Justin), Ashleigh Nabers, Ernest Nabers III, George A. Nabers, Danielle Rogers,
22 Erin Rogers, Errol Rogers Jr., Erika Rogers, Gabriel E. Nabers Jr., Zachery Nabers, Jordan
23 Nabers, Joseph Nabers, Jaydon Nabers; seven great grandchildren; four great-great
24 grandchildren; one brother, Cornelius (Janet) Nabers; one sister, Theda Brown; and a host
25 of nieces, nephews, and relatives; and

26 WHEREAS, the success of our state, the strength of our communities, and the overall
27 vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon men like Ernest Nabers Jr.; and

28 WHEREAS, although the death of Ernest Nabers Jr. has left a tremendous void in
29 the community and in the lives of his family, friends, students, and players, this uniquely
30 gifted gentleman shall live forever in the minds, memories, and hearts of all who knew and

