

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Alvenia Clare

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Alvenia
3 Clare.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened beyond
5 measure upon receiving word that the grandmother of Attorney Ashleigh Clare-Kearney
6 passed away on March 25, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, Alvenia 'Joan' Clare was one of five children born to Amy Clare and
8 was affectionately known by her family as "Cher"; and

9 WHEREAS, she was born on May 1, 1929 in Westmoreland, Jamaica where she
10 lived until 1957; and

11 WHEREAS, Alvenia later moved to Luton, Bedfordshire, England where she had her
12 one and only child, Diane Clare-Kearney in 1959; and

13 WHEREAS, Alvenia came to the United States of America in 1970 with nothing to
14 her name, but she strongly desired to seek a better life for herself and her daughter, which
15 she accomplished; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout her life she was a caretaker for the elderly, a housekeeper,
17 a seamstress, and worked at Travelers; and

18 WHEREAS, Alvenia was a member and Deacon at Immanuel Congregational
19 Church in Hartford, Connecticut for over thirty years; and

1 WHEREAS, her hobbies included cooking Jamaican food for her family every night,
2 watching soap operas, listening to church music, knitting, and spoiling her grandchildren;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Alvenia never put herself first and did everything in her power to ensure
5 her daughter and grandchildren had all the tools necessary to achieve their goals; and

6 WHEREAS, she is responsible for her daughter earning her bachelors, master's, and
7 Ph.D., and is the reason her granddaughter, Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, is an attorney; and

8 WHEREAS, she was a woman of class, integrity, and wisdom, and courageously
9 fought Alzheimer's Disease for eleven years; and

10 WHEREAS, in the last three years, she completely lost her independence, but she
11 lived with her daughter who cared for her vigilantly until her passing; and

12 WHEREAS, the loss of Alvenia has left her family with a tremendous void; and

13 WHEREAS, she was truly the family's matriarch, and her loving and kind spirit will
14 be missed dearly; and

15 WHEREAS, Alvenia 'Joan' Clare passed away on March 25, 2020 at the age of
16 ninety after testing positive for COVID-19; and

17 WHEREAS, she is survived by her daughter, Diane Clare-Kearney, son in law, Craig
18 Kearney, three granddaughters: Charissa Kearney, Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, Teighlor Clare-
19 Kearney, and a host of nieces and nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, her favorite song to sing to her granddaughters as they grew up happens
21 to be Louisiana's State Song, "You Are My Sunshine".

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
24 death of Alvenia 'Joan' Clare and does hereby extend deepest sympathy and offer of hopes
25 for comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27 to Ashleigh Clare-Kearney for the family of Alvenia 'Joan' Clare.

DIGEST

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