

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Ludia "Bea" Manogin Thomas.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regrets and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned that Ludia "Bea" Manogin Thomas passed away at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Ludia Manogin was born on October 15, 1943, to the union of Simmie D. Manogin Sr. and Myrtle Thames Manogin, as the fourth of twelve children, in Mendenhall, Mississippi, before her family relocated to Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as an intuitive and brilliant child who enjoyed learning, she attended and graduated with honors from Scotlandville Senior High School in 1962, received a Bachelor of Science in Evangelism from Jimmy Swaggart Bible College, and attained a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from Southern University A&M College while working for the United States Post Office for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Ludia Thomas' marriage in 1964 was blessed with five children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild who were the joy of her life combined with her love of God which was evident in her graceful, loving, and stern parenting style; and

WHEREAS, "Bea" was aunt, second mom, and Aunt Bea to her many nieces and nephews who often ran to her to share their secrets and seek advice, often shocked at how straight forward she would be with them and often called "the Shepherd" by her siblings as she protected and evangelized to each one a personal message that was tailored for them; and

WHEREAS, because of her giant devotion to God and family she led them to Christ and ground each in God's Words while stressing education and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, in her later years, Ludia Thomas served as an Evangelist at Victory International Ministries, was very active in church and loved the fellowship that came with her church family even traveling with them on her favorite journey to the Holy Land in 2013; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings: Nathaniel, Mildred, James, Wardell, Simmie Jr., and James Earl; and

WHEREAS, she leaves to celebrate her legacy five children: Frederick Link (Desiree), Carol Bonita, Nicole (Beau), Dawn Ylette, and Delvan Odell; seven grandchildren: Katryna, Tyrin, Travis, Princeton, Jonathan, Devin, Ethan and one great-grandchild, Kayden; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by five siblings, Ester Manogin, Charles Manogin, Martha Manogin, Sue White (Joe), and Nelsene Peters (Ferman) and one sister-in-law, Louise Manogin and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the death of Ludia "Bea" Manogin Thomas will leave a tremendous void in her family, church, and community and her memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were blessed to know and love her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ludia "Bea" Manogin Thomas upon her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to a member of Ludia "Bea" Manogin Thomas' family.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE