

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATORS HARRIS, BOUIE, CARTER AND PETERSON

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of retired Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Judge, Charles Lloyd Elloie of New Orleans, Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the occasion of the passing of retired Orleans Parish Criminal
4 District Court Judge, Charles Lloyd Elloie, better known as Judge Elloie.

5 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
6 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the
7 death of Charles Lloyd Elloie Sr., on May 31, 2020, at the age of eighty-two; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Elloie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 6, 1938, the
9 fourth of five children to Joseph and Elizabeth Fredricks Elloie, (his father) a Pullman porter
10 on the Sunset Limited Railroad and (his mother) a domestic worker; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Elloie grew up in the Lafitte Public Housing Development, his
12 family being one of the original residences of the development, and attended public schools
13 from first grade through high school; and

14 WHEREAS, determined to become the first of his siblings to be a college graduate,
15 Judge Elloie attended Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, attaining a Bachelor of
16 Art in Education in 1960; and

17 WHEREAS, upon achieving his goal of graduating from college, Judge Elloie taught
18 Biology and Math in the Orleans Parish School System from September 1960 to 1966; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1966, Judge Elloie became the first African American to be hired by
2 the Prudential Insurance Company as an agent within an eleven-state region where he
3 thrived in interacting with people and providing a much needed service to many people who
4 did not have access to the insurance he sold; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1968, Judge Elloie's vision, love for his people, and desire to be a
6 change agent led him to become actively involved in politics in his beloved New Orleans,
7 ran for a seat on the Orleans Parish School Board; although unsuccessful, the defeat did not
8 extinguish Judge Elloie's fervor for change in the city's political structure, he simply worked
9 harder to make things happen; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Elloie and attorney Robert Collins founded the Community
11 Organization for Urban Politics, better known as COUP, in 1969, which became one of the
12 most powerful political organizations in New Orleans, supporting the successful candidacies
13 of "Moon" Landrieu for mayor of the city of New Orleans, and Edwin W. Edwards for
14 governor, concentrating its work and influence in the Sixth and Seventh Wards; and

15 WHEREAS; Judge Elloie served as Assistant to Mayor Landrieu and the Director
16 of Youth Opportunities from 1970 to 1971; he was able to bring others into the political
17 system, provide recreational and employment opportunities for young people and challenge
18 elected officials to remove the many economic and social barriers faced by African
19 Americans and other people of color; and

20 WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1975, Judge Elloie served as an Assistant to Governor
21 Edwin W. Edwards; where he again was able to bring others into the political process, giving
22 many disenfranchised persons better access to economic and social opportunities; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1976, Judge Elloie enrolled at Southern University Law Center,
24 where he served as the president of the student bar association and graduated with a Juris
25 Doctorate in 1979; and

26 WHEREAS, with a keen knowledge of the law, an ability to connect with people and
27 the unrelenting pursuit of justice and equity, Judge Elloie successfully represented clients
28 as a criminal defense attorney from 1980 to 1996; and

29 WHEREAS, the success of his law practice and his desire to serve his community
30 were the catalysts that inspired Judge Elloie to seek a judgeship on the Orleans Parish

1 Criminal District Court in 1995; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1996, Judge Elloie took the bench as a newly elected judge on the
3 Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and was reelected without opposition to a second
4 term in 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the bench, Judge Elloie brought equity of judgment
6 and provided many with opportunities for second chances, while making his court accessible
7 to the community and fulfilling his desire to become a legal servant of the people; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, after more than a decade of serving on the bench, Judge Elloie
9 retired from the Orleans Parish Criminal Court; and

10 WHEREAS, although Judge Elloie's life was full of accomplishments, one of his
11 fondest memories was of he and his younger brother riding the train for the first time from
12 New Orleans to Los Angeles, California, sleeping in the berths and eating in the dining car
13 which sparked a lifelong love of travel by train; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Elloie was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather,
15 great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend; a judge in the true sense of the word, a public
16 servant, and was totally involved in his community on behalf of the betterment of his fellow
17 man, as a lector in his church, St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, and in his beloved
18 fraternity, as a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Elloie is survived by his wife and constant companion for more
20 than thirty years, Dr. Pearlie Hardin Elloie; his sons, Charles L. Elloie Jr. and Joseph C.
21 Elloie; brother, Wilbur Ronald Elloie; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and many
22 loved nieces, nephews; and other family members; and

23 WHEREAS, the memory of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie shall live forever in the
24 minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby express condolences to the family and friends of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie,
27 public servant, and does hereby recognize that his life was well spent in service of his
28 community, his family, and his God.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
30 wife, Dr. Pearlie Hardin Elloie.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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Harris

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