

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Lester entered politics in 1971 and was one of the first African
2 Americans to serve on the governing authority of Caddo Parish; he was also a board member
3 of the Community Action Agency, active in the Civil Rights movement, and a member of
4 the Home Mortgage Authority; and

5 WHEREAS, in his dental career, Dr. Lester was the first African American to serve
6 as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Dental Examiners, named to that position by
7 then Governor Edwin Edwards; he was also an active member of the state and national black
8 dental associations and the American Dental Association for over fifty years; he also
9 received the Louisiana Dental Association Distinguished Service Award in 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Lester retired from dentistry in 2012, after fifty years of service to
11 his field; he continued to give back to his alma maters and his community even after his
12 retirement, and he was an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, for his many outstanding academic and career accomplishments,
14 Dr. Lester is most deserving of recognition, and he will be truly missed.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of
17 Dr. Charley M. Lester, Jr.; does hereby recognize Dr. Lester's amazing achievements in his
18 academic life and in the field of dentistry; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes
19 that his family find comfort during this difficult time.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 family of Dr. Charley M. Lester, Jr.

DIGEST

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