

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Doveal Austin Essex on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Doveal Austin Essex on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, Naomi Doveal Austin was born on May 9, 1921, in Ponchatoula,  
4 Louisiana, to Johnie Austin and Katie Cousin Austin; she was christened at Tasker's Chapel  
5 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Ponchatoula; and

6 WHEREAS, Doveal attended elementary school at Ponchatoula's Rosenwald School;  
7 she graduated from Kentwood Tangipahoa Parish Training School and enrolled at the  
8 formerly named Louisiana Negro Normal, now known as Grambling State University; she  
9 graduated in May 1945 with a bachelor of science degree in education and began her  
10 professional career as a teacher in Ponchatoula; she later earned a master's degree at the  
11 University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and

12 WHEREAS, Doveal married Henry Leroy Essex on October 11, 1945; Mrs. Essex  
13 moved to Grambling to take a position at Grambling's Demonstration School where she  
14 taught until 1953; the Essex family increased with the birth of two daughters, Constant  
15 Elizabeth and Sylvia Marie; and

16 WHEREAS, the Essex family moved to Baton Rouge where Doveal worked as an  
17 elementary school teacher until she accepted a position at Southern University's College of  
18 Education; she worked at Southern University until her retirement, in 1976, after thirty years  
19 of dedicated service; and

20 WHEREAS, today, Mrs. Essex is a member of First Presbyterian Church of  
21 Scotlandville where she serves as a Sunday School teacher and served as a past president of

1 the Women of the Church; she also volunteers with Red Cross and Meals on Wheels; she is  
2 a docent and member of the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum Board and holds  
3 membership in the Gamma Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the  
4 Baton Rouge Chapter of The Links, Inc., and many other civic organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Essex is a recipient of the Silver Magnolia Award from the  
6 Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge for her community service; and

7 WHEREAS, Doveal Austin Essex is a true light in the Baton Rouge community; she  
8 has selflessly given to others throughout the course of her inspiring life, and she is most  
9 deserving of recognition.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Doveal Austin Essex on the occasion of her  
12 one hundredth birthday; does hereby recognize Mrs. Essex's devotion to her community; and  
13 does hereby extend sincere wishes that she continue to enjoy good health as a new member  
14 of the exclusive club of Louisiana's centenarians.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
16 Doveal Austin Essex.

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#### DIGEST

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