

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE AND SENATOR JACKSON

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the legislature on the death of Ervin Peter Turner.

3 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
4 Representatives has learned of the passing, on March 11, 2022, of Ervin "Pete" Turner; and

5 WHEREAS, Pete was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on March 20, 1948, to Clara Lee  
6 Turner; he dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at Antioch Baptist Church in Monroe  
7 and remained an active member until he was called home; and

8 WHEREAS, Pete was a member of the Richwood High School graduating class of  
9 1967, and he continued his education at Northeast Louisiana University; in 1967, he gave  
10 up his studies to assist a group of laymen from three Baptist associations in the formation  
11 of a boys club aimed at mentoring area youth; and

12 WHEREAS, as an young man, Pete often pondered his civic responsibility for the  
13 impoverished and marginalized members of his community, thus he eagerly jumped at the  
14 opportunity to help establish what would become the Tri-District Boys Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Pete's unique combination of charisma and a strong sense of civic duty  
16 helped grow the Tri-District Boys Club into one of the most influential youth programs in  
17 Northeast Louisiana; the club mentors over one thousand boys daily using facilities donated  
18 by the Ouachita Parish school board; and

19 WHEREAS, Pete expanded the range of his mentoring projects by forming the  
20 Luminus Civic and Social Club; this club was comprised of young men who work to change  
21 the political landscape of the parish, and members sought and won political offices; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was elected to the Ouachita Parish police jury; as an elected  
2 official, Peter worked with former juror Abe E. Pierce, III, to hone his diplomatic craft; he  
3 employed his skills to help the poor and disenfranchised members of his community;  
4 throughout the sixteen years he served as a police juror, he continuously fought for the  
5 marginalized communities of the state, and his efforts were an important factor in millions  
6 of dollars being allocated by the state legislature and city and parish governments to fund  
7 projects in those communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Pete was a genuine pillar of Ouachita Parish; he was beloved for his  
9 willingness to invest his time and money in local youth and his belief in the value of second  
10 chances for all; after falling seriously ill in 1999 and recovering, he used his second chance  
11 to form the Ervin Peter Turner Foundation and Tri-City subdivision, which sits on the old  
12 Tri-District Boys Club site; Tri-City provides affordable housing for many families and  
13 stands as a testament to the time and money Pete was willing to invest in his community; and

14 WHEREAS, Pete Turner was an incredibly dedicated husband, father, brother,  
15 grandfather, and uncle; he was united in holy matrimony to Kathleen Lindsey Turner on  
16 March 3, 1968, and to their union, two children were born, Christopher Earl Turner and  
17 Roanita Turner Jenkins; he also helped raise his sister's daughter, Ashely; and

18 WHEREAS, Ervin "Pete" Turner is the truest example of a civil servant; his  
19 unrelenting dedication to the oft-overlooked members of his community was a genuine  
20 testament to his character; he will be deeply missed by the people of Ouachita Parish, but  
21 his incredible community impact will be felt for generations to come.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ervin Peter Turner; does hereby recognize him  
24 for his inspiring, lifelong dedication to serving his community; does hereby further recognize  
25 his incredible community impact through the Tri-District Boys Club and Tri-City  
26 subdivision; and does hereby extend sincerest hopes that his family and friends and Ouachita  
27 Parish find comfort in knowing that he truly served out his mission on Earth.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
29 family of Ervin Peter Turner.

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DIGEST

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