

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was presented with an honorary doctor of divinity degree
2 from the United Theological Seminary and Bible College in Monroe, Louisiana, in 1993; he
3 later earned a doctor of divinity degree in 2001 from Inter-Baptist Theological Seminary in
4 Shreveport, Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served as pastor of many Louisiana Baptist churches
6 including Springfield Baptist Church in Gibsland, Shiloh Baptist Church in Homer, and
7 Trenton Baptist Church in West Monroe; he served at Trenton Baptist Church for forty-
8 seven years; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Martin served as president and
10 moderator of Springville M. and E. Association, provost of United Theological Seminary
11 and Bible College, and secretary of the GumSpring Association; he also served as dean and
12 lecturer of the GumSpring Congress of Christian Education, the Twin Cities Ministerial
13 Union, and the Louisiana Baptist Convention and National Convention; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was incredibly philanthropic, and his efforts to give to the
15 community earned him numerous awards and accreditations including being named to
16 "Who's Who Among Black Americans?", receiving the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission-
17 Certificate of Appreciation, and many more; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was married to the love of his life, Barbara Jean Thompson
19 of New Iberia, from 1964 until his passing; the couple had three children, Lawrence III,
20 Perry, and Chantel; among the greatest joys in his life were his grandchildren, and he felt
21 especially blessed to be able to baptize each of them; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin worked professionally as an educator in the public school
23 system; he served as an instructor at Jonesville Consolidated High School and Carroll High
24 School and was highly regarded as an eloquent, perceptive, and understanding mentor; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin leaves to cherish his legacy and memory his beloved wife
26 of fifty-eight years, Barbara; his children, Lawrence Ray, II, and his wife Kimberly, Perry,
27 and Chantel, and her husband Julius; his grandchildren, DeVonté, Austin, Paris, Ryan, and
28 Justin; one great-grandson, Braxton; his brothers, Donald Martin, B.J. Martin, and his wife
29 Barbara, and Kenneth Martin, and his wife Iris; his sister, Veronica Thomas, and her

1 husband Winfred; his godchild, Reverend John L. Russell, II, and his wife Candice; and a
2 host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence R. Martin, Sr., was a truly selfless man who was a
4 dedicated and humble servant of God throughout his life; he will be deeply missed, but he
5 will live on in the memories shared by those who knew and loved him.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of
8 Dr. Lawrence R. Martin, Sr., and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends,
9 and church community find comfort knowing that he is with God in Heaven.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 family of Dr. Lawrence R. Martin.

DIGEST

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