

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR FIELDS

CONDOLENCES. To express condolences upon the passing of Sallie Gillespie Newman.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 passing of Sallie Gillespie Newman.

4 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman was born in Eola, Louisiana, on September
5 16, 1928, and was the first of seven children born to Joshua J. Gillespie Sr. and Ethel Lee;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman attended Rosenwald School in DeQuincy,
8 Louisiana, and graduated from Holy Rosary Catholic School in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, in July 1947, she married J. L. Cooks and to that union four children
10 were born; and

11 WHEREAS, she continued her education at Southern University and Agricultural and
12 Mechanical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she graduated with an education
13 degree; and

14 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman eventually moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
15 where she met and married Jewel J. Newman in June of 1964; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman worked with her husband at the Esso (Exxon) service
17 station which he owned; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman continued her career at the East Baton Rouge Parish

1 Clerk of Court and the East Baton Rouge Parish Tax Assessor's Office, from which she
2 retired in 1998; and

3 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman's love and dedication to the Church and the
4 community was reflected in the many capacities in which she served; and

5 WHEREAS, she was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church,
6 The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Wilfred B. Ricard Court #116, the
7 Meritorious Fourth Degree of Grace Constance Butler Chapter #9, Top Ladies of
8 Distinction, a board member of Saint Vincent DePaul Society, and a former member of
9 Southern University's Sixth Man Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman is survived by her children: Brenda Cooks,
11 Linda (Johnny) Narcisse, Edwin (Jocelyn) Cooks, all of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and
12 Urlecia Cooks of Germantown, Maryland; siblings: Allen Gillespie, Sr., of Petersburg,
13 Virginia, Janie Bradley and Bettie Betts, both of Chicago, Illinois; sister-in-law, Sandra
14 Gillespie, of Goodyear, Arizona; grandchildren: Stephen (Dr. Roquell) Narcisse, of
15 Washington, D.C., Damien Narcisse, PhD, of Tyler, Texas, LaTari Cooks, of Baton Rouge,
16 Louisiana, Bradley (Lauren) Narcisse, of New Orleans, Louisiana, Danielle Cooks, of
17 Atlanta, Georgia, and Joshua Abban, of Germantown, Maryland; six great-grandchildren and
18 numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman is predeceased by her husband, Jewel J.
20 Newman; parents, Joshua J. Gillespie Sr. and Ethel Lee; brothers, Joshua Gillespie Jr., and
21 Francis Gillespie; sister, Velma Jenkins; and brother-in-law, Hansel Bradley, Sr.; and

22 WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman lived a fulfilling and dedicated life and her
23 passing leaves a void in the community where she will be truly missed.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby express condolences upon the passing of Sallie Gillespie Newman.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Edwin Cooks.

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

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