

1 Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital; during her residency, she also
2 earned a master of public health degree; and

3 WHEREAS, Mendy moved to Houston in 2002 to join the faculty of the University
4 of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as the first African American woman in radiation
5 oncology; with her dream job secured, she passionately served MD Anderson for twenty
6 years and became a world-renowned expert in the field of thoracic radiation oncology; she
7 gave lectures around the world and published more than sixty peer-reviewed academic
8 works; and

9 WHEREAS, Mendy was a member of several professional organizations including
10 the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the Mary Susan Moore Society of African
11 American Women Physicians, the Houston Medical Forum, the American College of
12 Radiology, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the
13 University of Houston Women's Study Board; and

14 WHEREAS, Mendy cherished her roles as a mother and wife, she spent twenty-five
15 loving years with her husband, Garvin Davis; the two shared a love of art, wine, music, and
16 travel; they traveled together often, sharing many unique and memorable experiences; their
17 union was blessed with two daughters, Blair Victoria Davis and Dylan Alexandra Davis; and

18 WHEREAS, Mendy also accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Alfred
19 Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia; after moving to Houston, she and her family
20 joined the Wheeler Baptist Church family; and

21 WHEREAS, Mendy battled severe Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, which is an auto-
22 immune disease that attacks healthy tissue throughout adulthood, and passed away on
23 May 5, 2022; she leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her mother, Brenda "Oma" Jeter;
24 her loving husband, Garvin H. Davis, M.D.; her daughters, Blair Davis and Dylan Davis;
25 brothers, Leroy Jeter, and his wife Maria, and Cordell "Cisco" Jeter, and his wife Sandra;
26 mother-in-law, Elaine "E-meme" Davis; father-in-law, Leroy "LePapa" Davis, Ph.D.;
27 brother-in-law, Griffin L. Davis, M.D., and his wife Deanne; uncles, David S. Jeter, Jr., and
28 Charles Richard Dickerson, and his wife Dana; aunt, Johnnie Manuel; nieces, Sophia
29 Jonatan, and her husband Stephen, Kimberly Jeter, and her husband Thomas, and McKenzie
30 Davis; nephews, Jonathan Jeter, and his wife Brandy, and Cameron Davis; five great-nieces

1 and great-nephews who knew her as "Mendy the Great"; and a host of extended family
2 members, colleagues, and friends; she will be deeply missed, but certainly never forgotten.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Melenda
5 "Mendy" Dionne Jeter and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and
6 loved ones find comfort in her memory during this difficult time.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 family of Melenda Dionne Jeter.

DIGEST

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