

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS AND LACOMBE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Dr. Henry Louis Hardy

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Henry  
3 Louis Hardy.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
5 Representatives has learned of the passing, on March 22, 2023, of Dr. Henry Louis Hardy;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Henry Louis Hardy was born on December 10, 1940, and was the third  
8 of four children born to Silas Hardy, Sr., and Elnora Jackson Hardy; he accepted Christ at  
9 an early age and was baptized at St. Andrew's Baptist Church in St. Francisville, Louisiana;  
10 he later joined St. Michael Baptist Church in LaPlace, Louisiana, where he served as  
11 chairman of the board of trustees and was a faithful member until his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Henry graduated from John S. Dawson High School in 1958; after high  
13 school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force; once he completed his military service, he enrolled  
14 at Southern University in Baton Rouge where he went on to receive a bachelor of science  
15 degree in mathematics; he pursued graduate studies in Connecticut and ultimately completed  
16 a doctorate of mathematics at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Hardy first worked professionally as a professor of mathematics and  
18 an administrator at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania; throughout his career, his research  
19 efforts were bolstered by grant funding from the likes of the William Penn Foundation, the  
20 Minority Science Improvement Program, the United States Department of Education, and  
21 the United States Department of Energy; after retiring from Cheyney University of

1 Pennsylvania, Dr. Hardy moved to New Orleans, and in 1994, he accepted a position as  
2 professor of mathematics and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Southern University  
3 of New Orleans (SUNO); and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Hardy served with excellence at SUNO for thirteen years; in May  
5 2001, he received his most significant research funding in the form of a \$2.5 million grant  
6 from the National Science Foundation for the foundation of a "Program for Excellence in  
7 Science, Mathematics, and Computer Technology" at the university; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Hardy was the recipient of countless awards throughout his career,  
9 including the President's Award for Academic Excellence at Cheyney University, the  
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Distinguished Faculty Award, the Marcus Foster Award  
11 for Outstanding Educators presented by Educators Roundtable, Inc., and many others; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional life, Dr. Hardy's hobbies included  
13 reading, writing, watching mysteries and westerns, and traveling; he was also an avid sports  
14 fan and truly loved attending games, especially for his alma mater, Southern University in  
15 Baton Rouge; his favorite events to attend were the Bayou Classic and the Battle of the  
16 Bands between Southern University and Grambling State University; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Hardy leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Mattie Hardy;  
18 son, Turland Malone, and his wife Lynnette; daughter, Pamlynn Hardy; son-in-spirit,  
19 Derrick Ruffin; grandchildren, Justin Roland and Rogie Louis Magee, Jr.; great-  
20 grandchildren, Rogie L. Magee III and Khenzi A. Magee; sisters-in-law, Daisy Callahan-  
21 Hardy, Jessie March, Annie Hamlin, and her husband George, Jimmie Rochelle, and Beverly  
22 Hill Hercules, and her husband Josh; brothers-in-law, Sammy Price, Pastor Julius Hill, and  
23 his wife Alverne, and Ralph Hill, and his wife Amy; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended  
24 family members, and friends; he will be deeply missed.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Dr.  
27 Henry Louis Hardy and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family and friends find  
28 comfort in their shared memories of his life.

DIGEST

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Adams

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