

1 WHEREAS, after six years in Richland Parish, the Williams family returned to East
2 Baton Rouge Parish, and joined Evening Star Baptist Church in Baker, Louisiana; in her
3 second stint with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Mrs. Williams taught English
4 as a second language to Vietnamese refugees; she continued her education, earning a
5 master's degree from Southern University and her master's plus thirty while studying at both
6 Northeast Louisiana University and Louisiana State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served as an adjunct instructor of orofacial disorders in
8 the Southern University Special Education Department and as a speech pathologist at the
9 former Walnut Hills Elementary School; in 1989, she was chosen to serve as principal of the
10 Dufrocq School; she transferred to Harding Elementary School and served there until her
11 retirement in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, Janice became a member of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta
13 Sorority, Inc., after pledging in 1988, and she truly cherished her beloved sisterhood; she
14 was also a member of the Southern University Alumni Federation; and

15 WHEREAS, Janice Rae Anderson Williams leaves to cherish her truly beautiful
16 memory her devoted husband of fifty-eight years, Leodrey Williams; son, Christopher Dale
17 Williams, and his wife Beanka; daughters, Crystal Williams Gordon, and her husband Oscar,
18 and Erica Williams Mitchell, and her husband Antoine; grandchildren, Brianna Janai
19 Williams, Christopher Dillon Williams, Anderson Mitchell Gordon, and Owen Williams
20 Gordon; sisters, Margaret A. Jackson and Gladys A. Parker, and her husband Sam; brothers,
21 Monroe Anderson, Sr., and Leon Anderson, Sr.; sister-in-law, Cynthia Williams Brown, and
22 her husband George; godchild, Betty L. Freeman; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended
23 relatives, and friends; she will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Janice
26 Rae Anderson Williams and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends,
27 and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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