

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, MYERS, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on March 28, 2024, of Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Martha was born on October 11, 1935, to Floyd and Ruth Meaux, and she was raised in Lafayette, Louisiana; she graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a degree in vocational home economics; she later received a master's degree and many certifications in the assessment of visually and multiply impaired children; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Martha became a special education teacher specializing in the teaching and evaluation of the visually impaired; she taught at the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired for more than three decades and possessed a distinct ability to identify the unique needs of each child and provide them with the necessary tools to succeed both personally and academically; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was especially passionate about giving her visually impaired students the opportunity to enjoy life experiences outside of the classroom; she often brought her students on hayrides and let them interact with horses and pick vegetables at her home; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was an incredibly knowledgeable and highly respected expert in her professional field, and she traveled around the world to speak at conferences for the Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired; and

WHEREAS, Martha was married to the late Gerald A. Simmons for sixty-four years; she was a loving wife and mother, and she truly cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; she was also a regular attendee of daily mass at St. John Catholic Church in Zachary, and she spent countless hour serving, mentoring, and giving her time and talents to serve others in her community; and

WHEREAS, Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons leaves to cherish her truly beautiful memory her children, Cinthia "Cindy" Mancuso, Christopher S. Simmons, and Carolyn S. Suber; more than a dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Floyd, Brenda, Stewart, Michael, and Judy; and a host of extended relatives and friends; she will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES