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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes and commends Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and lasting impact on her community.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize and commend Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and
3	lasting impact on her community.
4	WHEREAS, Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy exemplifies a legacy of
5	resilience, leadership, and activism, and she stands as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope for
6	future generations; and
7	WHEREAS, in 1962, Mrs. Sarpy was one of the first African American students to
8	graduate from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas; and
9	WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to education extended beyond her own
10	achievements, serving as an instructor at the University of Texas School of Nursing,
11	imparting knowledge and inspiration to countless students; and
12	WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Sarpy moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she
13	immediately immersed herself in the civil rights movement, collaborating with local leaders
14	on vital voter registration campaigns and initiatives, and significantly increasing voter
15	participation and representation; and
16	WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy fearlessly confronted racial injustice in various spheres,
17	including her leadership in the integration of businesses; her pivotal role in launching legal
18	actions to reform the city government of Shreveport; and advocating for equal opportunities

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for African Americans to serve in positions of governance; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to community service and empowerment extends beyond the realms of civil rights activism; she has served in numerous leadership capacities, including being the first woman to serve on Shreveport's city council, and membership on the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission, the State Fair of Louisiana Board, and the Shreveport Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's dedication to her family, faith, and community is exemplified by her active involvement in church ministries, her service as a mentor and leader in various organizations, and her unwavering commitment to uplifting those around her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and lasting impact on her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs.

Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy.

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

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