

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and lasting impact on her community.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy exemplifies a legacy of resilience, leadership, and activism, and she stands as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Mrs. Sarpy was one of the first African American students to graduate from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to education extended beyond her own achievements, serving as an instructor at the University of Texas School of Nursing, imparting knowledge and inspiration to countless students; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Sarpy moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she immediately immersed herself in the civil rights movement, collaborating with local leaders on vital voter registration campaigns and initiatives, and significantly increasing voter participation and representation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy fearlessly confronted racial injustice in various spheres, including her leadership in the integration of businesses; her pivotal role in launching legal actions to reform the city government of Shreveport; and advocating for equal opportunities for African Americans to serve in positions of governance; and

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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE