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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of former state representative, Carl Norman Crane

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state
3 representative, Carl Norman Crane.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 14,
6 2024, of former state representative, Carl Norman Crane; and

7 WHEREAS, Carl was a graduate of John McDonough High School in New Orleans,
8 and he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Orleans and a Master
9 of Arts degree from Louisiana State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Carl worked as a computer consultant, as an assistant professor at
11 Louisiana State University for twelve years, and he served on the East Baton Rouge City-
12 Parish Council from 1977 to 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, Carl was elected to represent East Baton Rouge as a member of the
14 Louisiana House of Representatives in 1982, and he served in this capacity until 2007;
15 during his tenure, he served with great diligence as chairman of the House Committee on
16 Education, providing highly effective leadership to the committee as it worked to address
17 complex education issues and strived to reform the state's education system; and

18 WHEREAS, as a leader in the education community for many years, Carl was
19 instrumental in the creation of Louisiana's School and District Accountability Program,
20 which has been nationally recognized as an exemplary education reform initiative, and he
21 championed other causes including the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS),

1 efforts to improve teacher quality, and raising teacher pay to the Southern Regional
2 Education Board average; and

3 WHEREAS, Carl was named Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana Association of
4 Principals in 2006; his professional, civic, and business affiliations included the Governor's
5 Classroom Technology Commission, the Louisiana Learn Commission, the Louisiana
6 District and School Accountability Commission, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission
7 on Teacher Quality, the Governor's School Finance Commission, the Louisiana High School
8 Redesign Commission, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority Education Task Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Carl was recognized by the Louisiana Association of Computer Using
10 Educators for his contribution to classroom technology; he received the Golden Apple
11 Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher Organization and the Economic Development
12 Award for the promotion of economic development through his contributions in the field of
13 education; and

14 WHEREAS, Carl was an avid fan of SEC football and baseball, and he enjoyed yard
15 work, walking and jogging, reading, talking politics, and spending time with his family; and

16 WHEREAS, Carl Norman Crane leaves to cherish his memory his two children,
17 Leslie Crane and Shawn Crane (Sandee); and three grandchildren, Jackson, Dylan, and
18 Shelby Crane; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service to the state of Louisiana
19 will live on in perpetuity.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former
22 state representative, Carl Norman Crane; does hereby express heartfelt gratitude for Carl's
23 incredible service to the state of Louisiana as a distinguished member of the House of
24 Representatives; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved
25 ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

DIGEST

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