

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 385

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Dr. Erma Waddy Hines

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Dr. Erma
3 Waddy Hines.

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 May 19, 2026,
6 of Dr. Erma Waddy Hines; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Erma Waddy Hines was a distinguished educator, administrator,
8 champion of higher education, and professor emeritus of English and speech at Southern
9 University and A&M College; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Hines dedicated forty-five years of service to Southern University
11 and left an indelible mark on generations of students, faculty, and staff at the university; as
12 a professor of English and speech, she was committed to academic excellence and developed
13 and refined curricula, while shaping the intellectual and professional growth of her students;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Hines held several leadership roles at Southern University; she
16 served as chairman of the Speech and Theater Program, dean of the College of Arts and
17 Humanities, and chief executive officer of the Office of Institutional Advancement; she also
18 served as director of the Southern University System Foundation, where she advanced the
19 university's mission through fundraising and philanthropic engagement; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hines was an Associate/Life Member of the Baton Rouge Chapter
21 in the South Central Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated; she joined the

1 organization in 1966 and served as its national treasurer, regional director, and regional
2 secretary-treasurer; she was also a charter member of the Alexandria, Louisiana Chapter; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hines was dedicated to community service throughout her life and
4 remained committed to the goals of Jack and Jill of America by serving others and
5 motivating youth to achieve their potential for success; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Erma Waddy Hines will be deeply missed, but the legacy of her
7 outstanding service to Southern University and A&M College and the citizens of Louisiana
8 shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved
9 her.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Dr. Erma
12 Waddy Hines and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends, former
13 colleagues and students, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her
14 beautiful life.

DIGEST

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