

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 385

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Hines was an Associate/Life Member of the Baton Rouge Chapter in the South Central Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated; she joined the organization in 1966 and served as its national treasurer, regional director, and regional secretary-treasurer; she was also a charter member of the Alexandria, Louisiana Chapter; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES