

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Lafaye Carter Jackson for her contributions to her community and the state

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Lafaye Carter Jackson on her many accomplishments and a life of service.

3 WHEREAS, Lafaye Carter was born on February 13, 1923, to Enos and Osie  
4 Johnson Carter, and in her formative years, attended Salem Elementary School and  
5 graduated from Homer Colored High School in 1941; and

6 WHEREAS, she later married Rogers C. Jackson, affectionately known as Big Jack,  
7 and they became the parents of four children, B. Stewart, Rogers Jr., Gwendolyn, and  
8 Carolyn; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson founded the first Memorial Funeral Home and  
10 Memorial Life Insurance Company in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, along with Collie Webb,  
11 Josephine Miller, Ocie Carter, Rev. C. Boyd, Jasper Thomas, and Hardy Harris; and

12 WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication, perseverance, and unceasing faith in the  
13 Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson expanded their funeral home business to six locations in Homer,  
14 Plain Dealing, Ringgold, Arcadia, Cullen, and Farmerville; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1975, Mrs. Jackson established the Homer Childhood Learning  
16 Center in her home, which was the first day care center in Homer; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was active in the struggle for civil rights; she helped  
18 organize the first boycotts in Claiborne Parish and was instrumental in the integration of  
19 Homer High School; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson held membership and later served as president of the local  
21 chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and

1 in 1973, she became the first African American to be elected to the Claiborne Parish School  
2 Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and  
4 Girls Club, the White Rose Club, and Memorial Funeral Enterprises, and over one hundred  
5 fifty students have been recipients of the scholarship that was founded in her name and in  
6 her honor; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson still directs funerals with Memorial Funeral Home in  
8 Homer, making her one of the oldest active funeral directors in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson recently celebrated the memorable occasion of her  
10 ninetieth birthday, surrounded by friends and family; and

11 WHEREAS, the quality of life in the state of Louisiana, the strength of our  
12 communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon  
13 people like Mrs. Jackson, a true Louisiana hero and an inspiration to all; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson has distinguished herself as an exemplary and highly  
15 admired citizen of Louisiana, and she merits a special measure of commendation for the  
16 tremendous amount of pride, honor, and joy that she brings to her community, family, and  
17 friends, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lafaye Carter Jackson for the many  
20 contributions she has made to her community and to the state of Louisiana, does hereby  
21 record for posterity the tremendous life of service she has led, and does hereby wish her  
22 many more years of continued success, health, and happiness.

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#### DIGEST

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Jefferson

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Commends Lafaye Carter Jackson for her many contributions to the Claiborne Parish community and to the state.