

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson held membership and later served as president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and in 1973, she became the first African American to be elected to the Claiborne Parish School Board; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES