

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH AND JOHN SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES  
DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GEYMAN, GUINN, HENSGENS AND  
KLECKLEY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Dennis C. Ware II.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dennis  
C. Ware II.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of the state  
of Louisiana learned of the death of Mr. Dennis C. Ware II, on April 1, 2013, at the age of  
ninety; and

WHEREAS, Dennis C. Ware II was born on June 8, 1922, in Helbig, Texas, to  
Dennis C. Ware and Louvenia Scott Ware; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ware graduated as valedictorian from Second Ward Colored High  
School; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, he graduated from the Southwest School of Mortuary Science  
in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1947, Dennis married Mildred Simon and six children were  
born of their union: Dennis C. III, Melverte Frances, Deborah Gale, Reginald Charles,  
Rodney Burton, and Ronald Frank; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, he obtained his bachelor's degree in biology from Wiley  
College, and in 1955, he earned his Master of Arts in Educational Sociology from the  
University of Chicago; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Ware also graduated from several specialty courses and programs  
2 including: the Life Underwriters Training course in 1963; Governance of Anti-Poverty  
3 Programs at the University of Oklahoma in 1966; and Development and Operation of  
4 Neighborhood Centers at the University of Missouri in 1967; and

5           WHEREAS, he also studied various disciplines at Howard University, Penn State  
6 University, the University of Hawaii, and Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical  
7 University; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Ware was honorably discharged from the United States Army after  
9 he served his country as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in the  
10 Western Pacific during World War II; and

11           WHEREAS, he began his professional career as an educator and coach in 1949 at  
12 W.O. Boston in Lake Charles, and in 1957, began working as an agent with Universal Life  
13 Insurance where he rose to the position of area supervisor; and

14           WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1968, Mr. Ware served as director of the Gulf Assistance  
15 Program, which was tasked with assisting underprivileged residents; and

16           WHEREAS, he was employed as a laborer with Manpower, Inc., and used his tireless  
17 work ethic and determination to become the Human Resources Manager before retiring in  
18 the mid-1970s; and

19           WHEREAS, he served as the editor and publisher of *The Southwest Sepian* and was  
20 the driving force of the civil rights movement in southwest Louisiana, working tirelessly to  
21 integrate public education, the local petrochemical industry, and public housing and  
22 accommodations; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Ware was the epitome of public service as a member of several  
24 organizations, which included being an active member and Past Polemarch of Kappa Alpha  
25 Psi Fraternity, Inc., a former member of the Lake Charles City Council, co-founder and past  
26 commissioner of the Southwest Louisiana Underwriters Association, co-founder and  
27 president of the first college chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of  
28 Colored People west of the Mississippi River, a member and Past Post Commander of the  
29 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of both the Wiley College Alumni Association and  
30 the University of Chicago Alumni Association; and

1           WHEREAS, he was a man of character who, when confronted with the hatred of the  
2 old South, stood up against the Jim Crow system and fought for civil rights and justice; and

3           WHEREAS, Dennis C. Ware II was one of the finest public servants in the history  
4 of Louisiana and a gentleman whose dedicated and highly productive service has forever  
5 changed Louisiana for the better; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Ware, who was admired by all whose lives he touched, leaves  
7 behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed; and

8           WHEREAS, although the death of Dennis C. Ware II has left a tremendous void in  
9 his community, his memory shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew and  
10 loved him.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Dennis C. Ware II, does hereby  
13 recognize and record for posterity his accomplishments and contributions, and does hereby  
14 extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family,  
15 friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 family of Dennis C. Ware II.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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