



1           WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., became superintendent of the Ascension  
2 Parish school system in 1981, thus becoming the first African American to become  
3 superintendent of a public school system in the state of Louisiana; and

4           WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., a visionary in educational leadership and  
5 sound financial management, took over a school system that was suffering economically and  
6 academically and laid a foundation for what the Ascension Parish school system is today,  
7 one of the top school systems in the state of Louisiana; and

8           WHEREAS, he remained humble throughout his tenure, no matter what accolades  
9 were bestowed upon him, yet he was always willing to mentor and share his knowledge and  
10 expertise of educational leadership practices as well as life experiences with others; and

11           WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., retired in 1993 as superintendent of the  
12 Ascension Parish school system after thirty-seven years of tireless dedication; and

13           WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., at the age of eighty-one, departed from this  
14 life at his home in Donaldsonville on February 27, 2013.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16 offer its sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ralph Edward Ricardo,  
17 Sr., and does hereby give recognition to the many years of service that he provided to the  
18 Ascension Parish school system.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
20 to the family of Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr.

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#### DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Ralph E. Ricardo, Sr.