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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRICE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Louisiana Legislature upon the death of Ralph Edward
3	Ricardo, Sr.
4	WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana
5	have learned of the death of Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr.; and
6	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., was born on December 21, 1931, to the
7	union of Reverend Walter Spencer Ricardo and Corrinne Augusta Ricardo; and
8	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., graduated from Lowery High School in
9	1951; and
10	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., graduated from Southern University in
11	1954 with a bachelor of science degree in both mathematics and chemistry; and
12	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., began his teaching career at Lowery High
13	School after graduation and later became principal of Lowery High School; and
14	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., married Doris Richard of Donaldsonville
15	on June 20, 1959, and to that union two children were born: Ralph Ricardo, Jr., and Iris
16	Ricardo; and
17	WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., was a member of Phi Delta Kappa Honor
18	Society, the Louisiana Association of School Executives, the American Association of
19	School Administrators, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

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.

## DIGEST

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