

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Frances Bolton Davis of Alexandria

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Frances
3 Bolton Davis.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House
5 of Representatives learned of the death of Frances Bolton Davis on Tuesday, January 5,
6 2016, at the age of eighty-seven; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis attended Bolton High School and Randolph-Macon
8 Women's College, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in history; she was later
9 awarded a doctorate of humane letters by Centenary College; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from college, Mrs. Davis worked for Rapides Bank and
11 Trust Company, the bank her grandfather founded; she later served as director of the bank;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis married Dr. Paul "Mac" Davis, Jr., and after a stint of living
14 overseas while Dr. Davis honorably served his country in the military, the loving couple
15 moved back to Alexandria; and

16 WHEREAS, as a resident of Alexandria, Mrs. Davis was an instrumental figure in
17 numerous nonprofit, civic organizations; she was a patron of the arts and a strong advocate
18 for improving the quality of life in central Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis served on numerous boards, including those for Rapides
20 Bank and Trust Company, First United Methodist Church, the Alexandria Museum of Art,

1 the Rapides Symphony Orchestra, and she was a founding member of the River Oaks Square
2 Arts Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis and her family gave generously of their time, energy, and
4 resources to Louisiana State University of Alexandria (LSUA); Mrs. Davis established the
5 first endowed professorship in the department of business and the Bolton Excellence in
6 Teaching award; she also supported the expansion of the library and the creation of the
7 LSUA Child Care Center; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2013, Mrs. Davis received the Alexandria Rotary Club's Service
9 Above Self award in recognition of her generosity and work to make Alexandria a better
10 place; and

11 WHEREAS, she also received the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award from the
12 Louisiana office of cultural development; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis was an emeritus and charter member of River Oaks Square
14 Arts Center board of directors; the Bolton family donated their home to the city of
15 Alexandria in an agreement that it would be used solely for the arts, and it became a catalyst
16 for the center; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis, along with her husband, developed the Lake District to
18 raise development standards in central Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2015, the Rapides Area Planning Commission
20 presented Mrs. Davis with a Commendation of Excellence in recognition of her and her
21 husband's significant role in the development of the Lake District; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years,
23 Dr. Paul "Mac" Davis, Jr.; her parents, James and Frances Sample Bolton; and her sister,
24 Mary Eleanor Bolton; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis is survived by her sons, Paul M. Davis, III, and his wife,
26 Beth, and James Bolton Davis and his wife, Linda; her daughter, Frances Sentell Davis; her
27 grandchildren, Paul McMillian Davis, IV, Stephen Bolton Davis, James Stafford Davis,
28 Catherine Calderwood Davis, and William Parker Davis; her great-grandchild, Carter
29 Holman Davis; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis will be remembered for her remarkable leadership, her
2 brilliant intellect, and all of the incomparable talents that she lent to her fellow citizens and
3 as a community leader whose loyalty and dedication to the city of Alexandria were inspiring
4 and unwavering; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis represented all that is good about Louisiana as a woman
6 with unique gifts and a charitable spirit who shared her abilities with her community and
7 state, and she is terribly missed but will never be forgotten.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
10 death of Frances Bolton Davis and does hereby recognize that the life and work of this
11 extraordinary woman will forever be a source of deep pride and honor for the city of
12 Alexandria and the state of Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the family of Frances Bolton Davis.

DIGEST

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