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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb

A RESOLUTION

2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb.
3	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
4	Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb on
5	Monday, May 9, 2011, at the age of sixty-three; and
6	WHEREAS, the second of five children, Mrs. Webb was born in Baton Rouge on
7	December 14, 1947, to the union of the late Lionel Griffin and the late Olivia Burgess
8	Griffin (Holloway); she was baptized by Reverend T.J. Jemison, pastor of Mount Zion First
9	Baptist Church; and
10	WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and Southern
11	University Laboratory School and was a graduate of Baton Rouge High School and
12	Louisiana State University, where she obtained a degree in liberal arts; and
13	WHEREAS, on December 22, 1970, Jo Evelyn Griffin married Clifton Gerald Webb,
14	and later they were blessed with the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rhea Griffin Webb;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, it was in New Orleans that Mr. and Mrs. Webb settled and began their
17	careers, and Mrs. Webb served with distinction as the disadvantaged business enterprise
18	liaison and the director of concessions and leases for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans
19	International Airport; and

1	WHEREAS, in support of Rhea's early education in the Catholic school system in
2	New Orleans, Mrs. Webb converted to Catholicism, and she was a member of St. Peter
3	Claver Church until her death; and
4	WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Mrs. Webb was particularly
5	supportive of the arts as a founding member of the Contemporary Arts Center and a member
6	of the Greater New Orleans Arts Council and the New Orleans Ballet Association; and
7	WHEREAS, after more than thirty years in New Orleans, the Webb family moved
8	back to Baton Rouge due to Hurricane Katrina; and
9	WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb is survived by her husband, Clifton Gerald Webb; her
10	daughter, Rhea Griffin Webb; her brother, Donald Ray Griffin; her sisters, Angela Holloway
11	Ross (James), Elizabeth Holloway Alcorn, and Alicia Holloway Tripp (Timothy); her
12	mother-in-law, Modesta Jones Webb; her brothers-in-law, Kelbert Webb, Jr., and Reginald
13	Webb (Jacqueline); her sister-in-law, Agnes Webb Johnson (Isaiah); five nieces and four
14	nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends; she was preceded in death by her
15	parents; her stepfather, Robert Holloway; her father-in-law, Kelbert Webb, Sr.; her brother-
16	in-law, William D. Alcorn II; and her grandparents; and
17	WHEREAS, with the death of Mrs. Webb, Louisiana has lost one of her finest
18	daughters and a woman whose beautiful legacy of love, kindness, gentleness, generosity, and
19	friendship will endure; and
20	WHEREAS, though the loss of Mrs. Webb has left a tremendous void in her
21	community, her memory will live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved
22	her.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
25	death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb, does hereby record for posterity her singular contributions
26	and outstanding achievements, and does hereby express abiding appreciation for the pride
27	and honor that this wonderful woman will forever bring to her family, friends, community,
28	and state.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30	to the family of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb.

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