

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON, HARRIS, AND HAZEL AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center to rename the center in honor of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis, former state representative, of Alexandria.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and record the many significant accomplishments and contributions of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Peabody High School in Alexandria, Mr. Curtis received a bachelor of science degree from Grambling State University and a master of education degree from Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army, Mr. Curtis served the school system of Rapides Parish as a longtime teacher and coach and as a member and vice president of the school board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis served four highly effective terms as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his constituency in Rapides Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; and

WHEREAS, the first African American elected to the legislature from Alexandria since Reconstruction, Mr. Curtis worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation during his tenure in the Louisiana House of Representatives, including legislation

related to public education, retirement benefits for educators and police officers, and boosting his district's economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis was one of Louisiana's finest sons, a man of wisdom who used his wisdom and integrity to change Rapides Parish and the state for the better; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis recognized a need for better health care services in his community, and with his determination and tireless efforts on its behalf, he was highly instrumental in the establishment of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, there is strong community support for renaming the center in memory of Mr. Curtis, demonstrating the indelible mark that he left on the minds and hearts of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, renaming the Rapides Primary Health Care Center, an establishment that brings deep pride to Mr. Curtis' beloved Rapides Parish, in recognition of such a dedicated and productive servant of his community, state, and nation would be a fitting tribute to this distinguished gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center to rename the center in honor of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis, former state representative, of Alexandria, in recognition of the significant role he played in its establishment and his extraordinary contributions to Rapides Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE