

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Louisiana Legislature upon the death of Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., was born on December 21, 1931, to the union of Reverend Walter Spencer Ricardo and Corrinne Augusta Ricardo; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., graduated from Lowery High School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., graduated from Southern University in 1954 with a bachelor of science degree in both mathematics and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., began his teaching career at Lowery High School after graduation and later became principal of Lowery High School; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., married Doris Richard of Donaldsonville on June 20, 1959, and to that union two children were born: Ralph Ricardo, Jr., and Iris Ricardo; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., was a member of Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, the Louisiana Association of School Executives, the American Association of School Administrators, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

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

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward Ricardo, Sr., a visionary in educational leadership and sound financial management, took over a school system that was suffering economically and

academically and laid a foundation for what the Ascension Parish school system is today, one of the top school systems in the state of Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE