

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Versia Mae Salone Malone of Shreveport.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Versia Mae Salone Malone of Shreveport on Friday, May 5, 2017, at the age of ninety-seven; and

WHEREAS, Versia Mae Salone Malone was born on February 23, 1920, to Edna Corrothers and Albertis Salone, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Versia was baptized and became an active Christian at an early age and later joined Shiloh Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful member for more than seventy years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Malone, who had a passion for education, was very active in the school system and the Louisiana Congress of Colored Parents & Teachers, representing African American children in the endeavor to help them receive free lunch in the city of Shreveport; she also served on the school board and as president of the Parent Teacher Association, and in furtherance of her own education, she returned to school and received her GED from Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her education-related achievements, Mrs. Malone lent her time and talents to numerous organizations, including the National Council of Negro Women, the National Baptist Convention, USA, the YMCA and YWCA, YTeens, the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America, and 4-H; she also served as an officer with CAP-CAB, the predecessor of the Caddo Community Action Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Malone was very influential in her community as president of Allendale Civic Club, and she played a major role in the plans, surveys, approvals, and construction of Canaan Village Apartments and Canaan Towers Apartments for seniors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Malone was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Malone, Sr., her son, Arnold Malone, Jr., and her daughters, Ethel Mae and Lillie Newton; she is survived by two daughters, Edna Malone Besiant and Margret Malone Turner, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, for nearly a century, Mrs. Malone exemplified all that is good about Louisiana through her devotion to family and friends and her excellence in all of her community pursuits; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mrs. Malone, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, a woman who was loved by all whose lives she touched, who leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and who is profoundly missed; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Mrs. Malone has left a tremendous void in her community, her memory shall live on forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Versia Mae Salone Malone; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular accomplishments and contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride, honor, and joy that this extraordinary woman will forever bring to her family and friends, her church, the city of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Versia Mae Salone Malone.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES