

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives have learned of the death, on April 14, 2019, of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry; she was seventy-nine years old; and

WHEREAS, John and Helen McInnis Wamble welcomed their baby girl, Johanna, to the world on November 3, 1939, in McComb, Mississippi; Johanna grew up in Jackson and completed her education at Murrah High School and Belhaven College (now known as Belhaven University); and

WHEREAS, in 1964, she married Gene and a decade later, they settled in Baton Rouge, after Gene's military service led them to live in San Francisco, Pensacola, Virginia Beach, New Orleans, Monroe, and Rochester, Minnesota; her life was filled with joyful service to her family, church, and the many communities to which she belonged; and

WHEREAS, at First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, she expressed her faith by serving as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder, and a member of several committees; she chaired the church's one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary celebration and was moderator of the Presbytery of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Johanna volunteered with numerous organizations, including the Louisiana State University (LSU) Rural Life Museum, Baton Rouge Opera Guild, Medical Association Alliance, and Foundation for Historical Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, one of her greatest joys was working with the LSU Chi Omega sorority as an alumni advisor and serving as pledge advisor and personnel advisor; she was named

Alumnae Advisor of the Year by the national organization; her last few years brought her to the Rockies in Colorado, where she made new friends and wonderful memories; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish sweet and lasting memories of Johanna are her loving husband, Gene; son, David and his wife Courtney; daughter, Katherine Hearn and her husband Donald; grandson, Laughlin; brother, John L. Wamble, Jr., and his wife Cindy; godchildren, Lydia White, Karen Kuhn Ely, and Emily Gary Branum; and "pretend" daughters, Amanda Sharbrough Bryan, Jeanie McKowen Thuneman, and Julia Scherbakova Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry has left a tremendous void in the Baton Rouge community; her kind nature and extensive outreach impacted many, and this wonderful woman shall forever live in their minds and hearts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere sympathies upon the loss of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry; does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to family, friends, and community upon her death; and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Johanna "Jolie" Wamble Berry.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES