

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

CONDOLENCES: Honors the life of Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon and expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on her death

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Gloria  
3 Jackson Bacon.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense regret and profound sadness that the House of  
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Dr. Gloria  
6 Jackson Bacon on February 9, 2024, at the age of eighty-six; and

7 WHEREAS, Gloria was born on September 21, 1937, in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
8 to Henry Johnson, a postal clerk, and Vina Johnson, a schoolteacher; Gloria was proud of  
9 her family's history and traditions; she was close with her parents, to whom she attributed  
10 her success; their guidance propelled and guided her to give back to the community as an  
11 advocate on healthcare issues for the medically underserved; and

12 WHEREAS, Gloria graduated from McDonough 35 High School; in 1958, she  
13 earned a bachelor of science degree from Xavier University of Louisiana; Gloria attended  
14 the University of Illinois School of Medicine, where, in 1962, she earned her doctor of  
15 medicine degree; Dr. Bacon earned a master's degree in public health from the University  
16 of Illinois School of Public Health in 1984; in 2006, at the age of sixty-nine, she earned a  
17 master's degree in social sciences from the University of Chicago; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1964 Gloria began working at a public health clinic in an  
19 impoverished community on Chicago's south side, and in 1970 she founded The Clinic at  
20 Altgeld; the clinic provided care to thousands of patients annually; The Clinic at Altgeld had  
21 an enormous impact in the area, most notably, the community's infant mortality rate dropped

1 from 50.2 deaths per thousand in 1970 to 9.2 deaths per thousand by 1990; Dr. Bacon retired  
2 as medical director in 1997, after thirty years of serving the medically underserved; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Bacon's community service extended beyond her medical practice;  
4 she became only the second black woman to be elected to statewide office in Illinois when  
5 she was elected to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees; Gloria earned many awards  
6 over the course of her career, including Alumni of the Year from Xavier University, Pioneers  
7 in Medicine from the Cook County Physicians Association, the History Makers, Inc., Award  
8 in Medicine, Alumni of the Year from University of Illinois College of Medicine, and  
9 Chicagoan of the Year from *Chicago Magazine*; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2007 Dr. Bacon returned to New Orleans in response to a call for  
11 physicians in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and served as an ambulatory care services  
12 physician at LSU Hospitals Health Care Services Division; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Bacon served on numerous boards, including Pullman Bank, the  
14 Chicago Network, Provident Hospital and Medical Center, Fisk University board of trustees,  
15 Illinois Family Planning Council, and Congregational Church of Park Manor board of  
16 trustees; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Bacon is survived by her daughters, Constance Jackson and Judith  
18 Jackson Fossett; stepsons, Philip Bacon, Geoffrey Bacon, and Stuart Bacon; grandson, Alden  
19 Fossett; sister, Joyce Johnson Burton; niece, Valerie Burton; nephew, Theodore Burton, Jr.;  
20 and a host of relatives and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon is most deserving of the highest recognition  
22 for her incredible accomplishments and for her unrelenting dedication to serving those from  
23 disadvantaged backgrounds.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the passing of  
26 Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon; does hereby recognize her incredible accomplishments; and does  
27 hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their  
28 shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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