

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ruby Mae Washington.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Ruby May Washington on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the age of eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1930, Ruby Mae Washington was born to Icile and Ruby Williams, in Union, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was raised by her grandparents, William H. and Lillie L. Bostick, in Zwolle, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, Mrs. Washington united with the St. John Baptist Church of Zwolle under the leadership of Reverend William Garner, and she later moved to Monroe and became a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was united in holy matrimony with Garfield Washington, Jr., on April 14, 1954, and to this union, one child, Angela Denise, was born; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Southern University, Mrs. Washington served with great distinction and effectiveness as a librarian at Alto and Start high schools in Richland Parish for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was a life member of Southern University Alumni Federation, Monroe Chapter, and served as the secretary of the Samoan Civic and Social Club; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Mae Washington was preceded in death by her husband, Garfield Washington; her parents, Ruby and Icile Williams; two brothers, Alton and Charles Williams; and her uncle, William Henry Bostick; she is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Angela Denise (the Honorable James "Jamie" E. Mayo); two grandchildren, Jared

Brandon and Ashley Denise Mayo; one great-grandson, Tyler Alexander Williams; Drs. Al and Annette McHenry; Noella Bostick; one brother, Billy D. Williams; one special sister-in-law, Delores Williams; a special cousin, Helene "Baby Dear" Joyner; and numerous other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Ruby Mae Washington, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, a woman of many gifts and talents who has left an indelible mark on the lives of those she touched; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Ruby Mae Washington has left a tremendous void in her community, her memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who loved her and all who had the pleasure of knowing 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 Ruby Mae Washington, does hereby record for posterity her outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful woman will forever bring to her family, friends, church, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Ruby Mae Washington.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES