

1 WHEREAS, Bertha joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, while
2 attending Louisiana Tech; and

3 WHEREAS, Bertha went on to earn a master's degree and specialist degree from
4 Northwestern State University; she also received an honorary doctorate degree from
5 Louisiana Tech University, and in 2016, the university established the James Potts/Bertha
6 Robinson Scholarship Fund; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson was immensely proud of these accomplishments, but her
8 highest honor was to serve as the Louisiana Tech University 2020 Fall Commencement
9 speaker; and

10 WHEREAS, Bertha was a genuine supporter of children, and she believed that all
11 children had the capacity to learn; she owned and operated a daycare center in Jonesboro for
12 five years and then began a career with the Jackson Parish School Board that spanned forty
13 years, during which she served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director of
14 federal programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Bertha retired in 2016; however, she remained active in her advocacy
16 for education by serving as a consultant to schools throughout Louisiana, and she contributed
17 her time to various boards and civic organizations that work to improve the state's schools;
18 she also offered free tutoring to children in her community; and

19 WHEREAS, Bertha Robinson's love and legacy will continue to live on through her
20 husband, Harvey T. Robinson; her daughters, Yumeaka Washington, and her husband
21 Ronald, and Esther Jewettá Robinson; her grandson, Brett Bernard Washington; her siblings,
22 Mary Hoover, James Bradford, Glory White, and her husband McArthur, Charlean Nelson,
23 and Vivian Bradley; her sister-in-law, Ella Morris; her god-siblings, Marietta Leonard and
24 James "Jimmy" Wilson; and a host of extended family and friends; and

25 WHEREAS, Bertha Bradford Robinson was a true champion of children and she is
26 most deserving of recognition for her inspiring work.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Bertha
29 Bradford Robinson; does hereby recognize Bertha's unrelenting commitment to the children

1 of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family and friends find comfort
2 knowing that she is at home with God in Heaven.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 family of Bertha Bradford Robinson.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Bertha Bradford Robinson.