

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLOT

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Warner K. Brown, assistant professor of physics at Southern University at 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 Warner K. Brown on Wednesday, February 22, 2011, at the age of fifty-one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown attended the Grambling Laboratory schools and graduated from high school with honors in 1977; in 1981, he graduated with honors with a degree in physics from Grambling State University (GSU), where he was the recipient of numerous awards for his excellence in academics, and he later earned graduate hours in physics at the State University of New York, ultimately completing a master of arts in teaching natural sciences at GSU in 2000; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-eight years, Mr. Brown was a distinguished educator at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), where he served with distinction in many leadership positions, including as director of the engineering technology program and of the summer science program and where he was a very accomplished writer of a variety of successful grants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was respected, admired, and beloved by the SUSLA family, and in 2010, he was approved by the Southern University Board of Supervisors to attain the rank of associate professor with tenure; and

WHEREAS, each summer from 1999 through 2008, Mr. Brown lectured in physics for the Louisiana State University Medical Center at Shreveport MCAT program, and during the summer of 1991, he taught physics lecture courses in the Upward Bound Science Program at Wiley College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a member of many organizations, including the National Technical Association and the Louisiana Academy of Sciences, and he served as president of the Society of Physics Students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown also was a dedicated member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and was a charter member of the Bossier City Alumni Chapter and served as Exchequer for the fraternity for six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is survived by his mother, Jean G. Brown; his brother, John F. Brown, Jr., and his wife, Jo Ann; his sister, Vicki R. Brown; two nephews, Travis Keith Brown and his wife, LaShonda, and Jonathan Benjamin Brown; his great-nephew, Jordan Benjamin Brown; his uncle, Aubrey Lee Collins; his aunt, Betty S. Hearn, and her husband, Eddie; his great-aunt, Dorothy Gilliam; his godmother, Shirley Henderson; and numerous other relatives, godchildren, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown touched many lives and leaves a rich and unique legacy, and though his death has created a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

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 Warner K. Brown, assistant professor of physics at Southern University at Shreveport, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding accomplishments as a scholar and educator, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful gentleman will forever bring to his family, friends, students, colleagues, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Warner K. Brown.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES