

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Macura Hamilton.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the departure of Macura Hamilton from this earthly realm on June 17, 2020, at the age of eighty-five; and

WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton was born on October 8, 1934, the third of twelve children born to Lonnie and Ella Dee Moore Hamilton; Macura came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age, baptized by the Reverend A.H. Holland at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Greenwood, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, his formative years in Rodessa, Louisiana, were shaped by respect for his parents, love of family, hard work, and self-reliance; Macura chopped and picked cotton to earn money for his education; he graduated in 1953 from Booker T. Washington High School in Caddo Parish and was the first in his family to receive a secondary education degree; Macura Hamilton graduated in 1958 from Southern University in Baton Rouge with a bachelor of science degree in music education, and he earned a master of arts degree in education from Columbia University in New York in 1966; Mr. Hamilton was certified in Louisiana as a licensed professional counselor; and

WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton answered the call of duty to his country and served in the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant and in the active reserve; and

WHEREAS, upon discharge from the military, Mr. Hamilton taught in his native Caddo Parish for nearly four decades; he retired after serving thirty of those years as a guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, Macura Hamilton used his talents to share sacred music in the religious sphere of Caddo Parish; he was a musician at St. Rest Baptist Church, which he joined in 1969 and served faithfully as music director and organist for more than fifty years; Brother Hamilton introduced classical music, cantatas, operettas, and anthems to the St. Rest congregation and other venues where he played; he celebrated the rich heritage of spirituals and gospel music and was recognized as a musical giant in the community; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hamilton's spiritual service at St. Rest Baptist Church extended to the deacon ministry, where he was chairman; to the finance committee, where he was assistant finance chairman; and to the trustee board; and

WHEREAS, the indelible imprint Macura Hamilton made on the lives of many will be felt for years to come but his presence will be missed most by those closest to him; his wife of fifty-four years, Delia Monroe Hamilton; his daughters, Felicia Hamilton and Dr. Kimberly Hamilton-Wims, and her husband Alfred, Jr.; his brothers, the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton, Jr., and Robert Hamilton, and his wife Beverly; his sisters, Ella Hamilton Dixson, Maxine Hamilton Webb, Elizabeth Hamilton, Molly Hamilton Guy, Dr. Patsy Hamilton Solomon, and her husband Alphonsa, and Bobbie Hamilton Poindexter, and her husband Rene; and the many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who remember good times shared with Macura Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Macura Hamilton upon his passing; does hereby acknowledge the positive impact he made in the school and religious communities of Caddo Parish; and does hereby offer best thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Macura Hamilton.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES