

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To posthumously commend Dr. Jesse Nealand Stone, Jr., upon the unveiling of his judicial portrait at the Southern University Shreveport Museum of Art.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2016, the judicial portrait of the late Dr. Jesse Nealand Stone, Jr., will be officially unveiled in the city of Shreveport and thereafter permanently displayed on the Judicial Wall of Fame at the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stone was recognized for his achievement as the first African American appointed to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court; he served as associate justice pro tem in 1979; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Stone, born in Gibsland, Louisiana, and a resident of Shreveport and Baton Rouge, advanced civil rights from the bar, in the political arena, within educational administration, and from the bench; and

WHEREAS, in 1971-1972, Dr. Stone became the first Southern University Law Center alumnus to serve as dean of the Southern University School of Law; he was the first African American assistant state superintendent of education in the Louisiana Department of Education, where he served from 1972-1974; and in 1975 he was appointed as the first president of the Southern University System; and

WHEREAS, the portrait of Dr. Stone is a gift to the Law Center from Chancellor Emeritus B. K. Agnihotri, Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones, and retired Professor Winston Riddick in honor of their mentor and friend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby join with family, friends, colleagues, and supporters of the Southern University Law Center and Southern University Shreveport, Louisiana, in

honoring the late Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.; and does hereby herald his legacy of inspiring commitment to excellence in higher education throughout the Southern University System and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Jesse Nealand Stone, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES