

2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Lazette Thomas Brumfield, the mother of State Representative Malinda White.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Lazette Thomas Brumfield on February 24, 2018, after a full life of seventy-three well-lived years; and

WHEREAS, Lazette was a faithful servant to the Lord her whole life; she carried herself with radiance and optimism; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of Forest Haven Missionary Baptist Church of Franklinton, Louisiana, where she was recently honored for over thirty-two years of dedication to the Lord's work as a Sunday school and Bible class teacher; and

WHEREAS, Lazette worked in her family pecan business for many years; she enjoyed gardening and working on the farm; and

WHEREAS, Lazette was the mother of three daughters and two sons; she prayed with her children every night; scriptures were the cornerstone of who she was to her family, especially Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future"; and

WHEREAS, Lazette taught her children the importance of serving others and living a fulfilled life; she took all five children to nursing homes in Franklinton, Bogalusa, and Tylertown every week to sing for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, when doctors told Lazette her days were numbered, she smiled and accepted the news with joy; her children marveled at her strength and celebrated with her, for she kept her faith, knowing that eternal life begins at death; and

WHEREAS, all who knew and loved her may take solace in Matthew 25:21, which proclaims "His Lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Thou has been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou, into the joy of the Lord!"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brumfield is survived by her mother, Earline Martin Thomas; her children and their spouses, Sheila and Clark Lowery, Malinda and Danny White, Lamanda and Scott Taylor, Brian and Tammy Brumfield, and Brent and Benji Brumfield; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Jane and Joseph Stogner and Sharon and John Hartzog; her brother, Raymond "Archie" Thomas; her sisters-in-law, Linda Graves Thomas, Elsie Brumfield Crain, Lynn Blossman, Evelyn Young Brumfield Branch, Yvonne Wheat Brumfield, Ann Smith Brumfield, and Evelyn Crain Brumfield; her brothers-in-law, Paul "Buddy" Brumfield and William Brumfield; fifteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and other family; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Lazette Thomas Brumfield has left a tremendous void in her family and community, her legacy shall forever live in the hearts and minds of all the people whose lives she touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Lazette Thomas Brumfield; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the contributions and accomplishments of Lazette Brumfield, an exemplary servant of the Lord, to the city of Franklinton and to our state and nation; and does hereby pay tribute to Lazette Brumfield for the generous way in which she dedicated her energy to spreading the Light of the Lord.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Lazette Thomas Brumfield.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES