

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATORS HARRIS, BOUIE, CARTER AND PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the occasion of the passing of retired Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Judge, Charles Lloyd Elloie, better known as Judge Elloie.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of Charles Lloyd Elloie Sr., on May 31, 2020, at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, Judge Elloie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 6, 1938, the fourth of five children to Joseph and Elizabeth Fredricks Elloie, (his father) a Pullman porter on the Sunset Limited Railroad and (his mother) a domestic worker; and

WHEREAS, Judge Elloie grew up in the Lafitte Public Housing Development, his family being one of the original residences of the development, and attended public schools from first grade through high school; and

WHEREAS, determined to become the first of his siblings to be a college graduate, Judge Elloie attended Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, attaining a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1960; and

WHEREAS, upon achieving his goal of graduating from college, Judge Elloie taught Biology and Math in the Orleans Parish School System from September 1960 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Judge Elloie became the first African American to be hired by the Prudential Insurance Company as an agent within an eleven-state region where he thrived in interacting with people and providing a much needed service to many people who did not have access to the insurance he sold; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Judge Elloie's vision, love for his people, and desire to be a change agent led him to become actively involved in politics in his beloved New Orleans, ran for a seat on the Orleans Parish School Board; although unsuccessful, the defeat did not extinguish Judge Elloie's fervor for change in the city's political structure, he simply worked harder to make things happen; and

WHEREAS, Judge Elloie and attorney Robert Collins founded the Community Organization for Urban Politics, better known as COUP, in 1969, which became one of the most powerful political organizations in New Orleans, supporting the successful candidacies of "Moon" Landrieu for mayor of the city of New Orleans, and Edwin W. Edwards for governor, concentrating its work and influence in the Sixth and Seventh Wards; and

WHEREAS; Judge Elloie served as Assistant to Mayor Landrieu and the Director of Youth Opportunities from 1970 to 1971; he was able to bring others into the political system, provide recreational and employment opportunities for young people, and challenge elected officials to remove the many economic and social barriers faced by African Americans and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1975, Judge Elloie served as an Assistant to Governor Edwin W. Edwards, where he again was able to bring others into the political process, giving many disenfranchised persons better access to economic and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Judge Elloie enrolled at Southern University Law Center, where he served as the president of the student bar association and graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1979; and

WHEREAS, with a keen knowledge of the law, an ability to connect with people, and the unrelenting pursuit of justice and equity, Judge Elloie successfully represented clients as a criminal defense attorney from 1980 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, the success of his law practice and his desire to serve his community were the catalysts that inspired Judge Elloie to seek a judgeship on the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Judge Elloie took the bench as a newly elected judge on the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and was reelected without opposition to a second term in 2002; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the bench, Judge Elloie brought equity of judgment and provided many with opportunities for second chances, while making his court accessible to the community and fulfilling his desire to become a legal servant of the people; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, after more than a decade of serving on the bench, Judge Elloie retired from the Orleans Parish Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, although Judge Elloie's life was full of accomplishments, one of his fondest memories was of he and his younger brother riding the train for the first time from New Orleans to Los Angeles, California, sleeping in the berths and eating in the dining car which sparked a lifelong love of travel by train; and

WHEREAS, Judge Elloie was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend; a judge in the true sense of the word, a public servant who was totally involved in his community on behalf of the betterment of his fellow man, as a lector in his church, St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, and in his beloved fraternity, as a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Judge Elloie is survived by his wife and constant companion for more than thirty years, Dr. Pearlie Hardin Elloie; his sons, Charles L. Elloie Jr. and Joseph C. Elloie; brother, Wilbur Ronald Elloie; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many loved nieces, nephews, and other family members; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences to the family and friends of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie, public servant, and does hereby recognize that his life was well spent in service of his community, his family, and his God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Dr. Pearlie Hardin Elloie.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE