

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes and commends Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and lasting impact on her community.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and commend Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy for her profound and
3 lasting impact on her community.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Maxine Elizabeth Prescott Sarpy exemplifies a legacy of
5 resilience, leadership, and activism, and she stands as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope for
6 future generations; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1962, Mrs. Sarpy was one of the first African American students to
8 graduate from the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy's commitment to education extended beyond her own
10 achievements, serving as an instructor at the University of Texas School of Nursing,
11 imparting knowledge and inspiration to countless students; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Sarpy moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she
13 immediately immersed herself in the civil rights movement, collaborating with local leaders
14 on vital voter registration campaigns and initiatives, and significantly increasing voter
15 participation and representation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarpy fearlessly confronted racial injustice in various spheres,
17 including her leadership in the integration of businesses; her pivotal role in launching legal
18 actions to reform the city government of Shreveport; and advocating for equal opportunities

