

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Excell Terrell.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Excell Terrell on August 2, 2017, at the age of eighty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Excell Terrell attained his formal education in the public schools in Mississippi, including Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, and in Louisiana at Southern University in Baton Rouge and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge after successfully completing a four-year program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell taught in the Mississippi public schools for several years and retired from teaching after thirty years of service in the Louisiana public school system, where he was an instructor at Paul Breaux High School and Ovey Comeaux High School, both located in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in 1965 and a life member in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell is a published author with the 2007 publication of his book, "A Collection of Poems: Praising, Rejoicing, Inspiration, Meditations, Exaltation & Dedication to Christ"; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving and devoted wife of sixty-two years, Charlene Polk Terrell; daughters, Cassandra Terrell and Terry Terrell; adopted sister, Denise Terrell; stepbrother, Alfred McWilliams; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Alonzo Terrell and Grace L. Terrell; brothers, Willie Clyde Terrell and James Terrell; and sister, Altha Lou; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell was a gentleman admired by all whose lives he touched and leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, the death of Excell Terrell has left a substantial void in the Lafayette community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Excell Terrell and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Lafayette community and the state of Louisiana.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE