

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER AND SENATOR BARROW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Julie Tregre Cherry.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on October 25th, 2022, of Julie Tregre Cherry; and

WHEREAS, Julie Tregre Cherry was an educator, student, music minister, fierce advocate, and dedicated public servant, who immensely fought for equity and justice for the underserved and under-represented people and communities in this state; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with her advocacy work, Ms. Cherry served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, the Baton Rouge Fire and Police Civil Service Board, and the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, her most recent public service was serving as the secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO), where she testified, on numerous occasions, before the House and Senate labor and industrial relations committees; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, she received national recognition with the Presbrey Champion of Labor Award from the Workers' Injury Law and Advocacy Group, and, in 2012, she received the Dragon Slayer Award from the Louisiana Workers' Advocates; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extensive advocacy work, Ms. Cherry was a recent law school graduate of the Southern University Law Center and as quoted by her loved ones "was looking forward to the next chapter in her professional life helping underserved and under-resourced people in Louisiana"; and

WHEREAS, Julie Tregre Cherry leaves to cherish her memory her devoted partner, Richard LeBouef; daughter, Elaine Blacharski, and her husband Tony; sons, Aaron Cherry, and his wife Elisabeth, Luke Cherry, and his wife Nicole, and Jacob Cherry, and his wife Juliette; grandchildren, Reed, Penelope, Aaron Jr., James, Arthur, and Louis; sisters, Marie Rourke, and her husband Mike, Patricia DeWeese, and her husband Danny, and Jeanne "Cathy" Kelly, and her husband Larry; and an extended family of nieces and nephews; she will be deeply missed but certainly not forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Julie Tregre Cherry and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Julie Tregre Cherry.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE