

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Clea Parker, former Southeastern Louisiana University president

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the House of Representatives of the
3 Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Clea Edward Parker, former president of
4 Southeastern Louisiana University.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Clea Edward Parker served as president of Southeastern Louisiana
6 University for over twelve years, from January, 1968, through June, 1980; and

7 WHEREAS, during Dr. Parker's tenure as president, the school transitioned from a
8 college to a university, which increased its standing among post-secondary institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, Southeastern Louisiana University experienced a forty percent growth
10 in enrollment during Dr. Parker's term as president; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker obtained legislative approval to undertake an ambitious
12 renovation and construction program at the university, including the building of the
13 Southeastern School of Nursing in Baton Rouge, the C.E. Cate Teacher Education Center,
14 the Athletic Building, the humanities building now known as D. Vickers Hall, the Health and
15 Physical Education Building, the new Sims Memorial Library, and the Southeastern
16 University Center; and

17 WHEREAS, a hallmark of Dr. Parker's term as president was his focus on increasing
18 the role of students in the university, including their involvement in determining graduate
19 programs to be offered; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker increased student involvement by naming students to serve
2 on university-wide committees, having an open-door policy for students to visit with him
3 in his office, and visiting students in cafeterias, classrooms, and on the grounds; and

4 WHEREAS, Clea Edward Parker was born to William and Lutretia Davis Parker on
5 April 2, 1927, in Talisheek, Louisiana, in St. Tammany Parish; and

6 WHEREAS, Parker's life was one committed to education, beginning as an instructor
7 at Rugby Academy in New Orleans and continuing seventeen years in the St. Tammany
8 Parish School System as a teacher, coach, supervisor, and eventually, Director of Curriculum
9 and Instruction for the parish school system; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker served as principal of Mandeville High School and was the
11 first graduate of that school to serve as its principal; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Southeastern Louisiana
13 College and, interestingly, was the first alumnus of that institution to serve as its president;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker earned his Master of Education and Doctor of Education
16 degrees from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

17 WHEREAS, in his many years as an educator, Dr. Parker served on a number of
18 local, state, and national committees and was recognized by many educational organizations
19 as a leader in the field of education; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker considered education to be a lifetime endeavor, and he
21 attended training and classes at Tulane University, Peabody College of Education and
22 Human Development, the University of Kansas, and the University of Maryland; and

23 WHEREAS, after his tenure as president, Dr. Parker was named President Emeritus
24 and he remained vitally interested and active in the life of Southeastern Louisiana
25 University, attending events and inquiring as to the state of the university and offering his
26 assistance; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Parker is survived by his wife of more than sixty years,
28 Peggy Faciane Parker, his sons, Brian and Stephen and their families, and his daughters,
29 Karen Parker Ellis and Robin Parker and their families; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. John L. Crain, the current president of Southeastern Louisiana
2 University, remarked that Parker's "lifelong commitment to education serves as an
3 inspiration for us all".

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
6 death of Dr. Clea Edward Parker, former president of Southeastern Louisiana University,
7 and does hereby record for posterity enduring appreciation for his lifetime of outstanding
8 contributions and achievements.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
10 beloved wife, Peggy Faciane Parker.

DIGEST

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