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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Andrew D. Frazier of Ruston

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Andrew D.
3	Frazier of Ruston.
4	WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5	of the death of Andrew D. Frazier, of Ruston, in August 2016; and
6	WHEREAS, Andrew D. Frazier, affectionately called "Mr. A.D.", contributed much
7	to the lives of the people of Ruston and was truly a trailblazer in the community; and
8	WHEREAS, Andrew was born with a hearing impairment; by the age of nine, his
9	mother, father, and sister had transitioned to their eternal rest; his childhood was spent in
10	homes of other family members; and
11	WHEREAS, despite the tragedies that beset his formative years, Andrew Frazier
12	earned a college scholarship and answered the call to military service; after his tour of duty
13	was concluded, Mr. Frazier felt an urge to be a catalyst for change in his community; his
14	message to Ruston's youth was that circumstances should not define their futures; and
15	WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Mr. Frazier and his wife Lucy, who was a teacher and
16	dietician, responded to a lack of early childhood education in Lincoln Parish for low income
17	families by opening the first African American licensed daycare center in Lincoln Parish;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, the Fraziers continued their care of Ruston's youngest citizens and
20	opened several daycare centers in Lincoln Parish; their centers provided education to

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1 children who otherwise would not have had early academic learning opportunities; from 2 1965-1980, the Fraziers served approximately one thousand children; and 3 WHEREAS, during a time of extreme racial tension in Lincoln Parish, Mr. A.D. 4 entered the 1971 race for Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Ward 1; Andrew Frazier said he was tired of the African American community being underserved and he wanted to make a 5 6 change; he defeated his white opponent who had held the office for many years and was 7 police jury president; Andrew Frazier was also a member of the Democratic Caucus and 8 served as an advisor to Governor Edwin Edwards; and 9 WHEREAS, Mr. A.D. spent weekends volunteering with the Ruston Boxing Club 10 where he trained teenage boys in the art of boxing; his goal was to teach young men 11 discipline and strength and to provide them recreational activities to keep them out of 12 trouble; and 13 WHEREAS, Andrew Frazier was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and 14 great-grandfather who taught his children, grandchildren, and youth in his community to 15 have the courage to pursue their dreams and to always be proud of who they are. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest condolences to the family and friends 18 of Andrew D. Frazier; does hereby record for posterity the achievements of this outstanding 19 citizen of the state; and does hereby express best hopes for peace and comfort for those who 20 mourn his passing. 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 22 to the family of Andrew D. Frazier.

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