## 2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

## BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

## CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Bessie Mae Watson King

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Bessie Mae
3	Watson King.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of
5	Representatives has learned of the death of Bessie Mae Watson King; and
6	WHEREAS, Bessie Mae Watson King, affectionately known as Dear, was born on
7	May 12, 1934, in Mer Rouge to Evangelist and Niccie Watson; she departed this life on
8	Monday, May 2, 2016; and
9	WHEREAS, she accepted Christ at an early age; she began her work at First
10	Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful and dedicated member until she moved
11	to Monroe; she was active with the music department, Sunday school, and other church
12	auxiliaries; and
13	WHEREAS, she received her education in the Morehouse School District; in 1954,
14	she became a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained for more
15	than sixty years and served as a choir member and deaconess; and
16	WHEREAS, Mrs. King was a very talented musician; she was the musician for
17	various church choirs including St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Peter Rock Baptist
18	Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Mary Gross Baptist Church, Spring Hill Baptist Church,
19	St. Luke Baptist Church, and Mount Sinai Baptist Church; and
20	WHEREAS, she was well-known locally and nationally for her exceptional musical
21	talents; she brought many nationally known gospel artists to northeast Louisiana; and

1	WHEREAS, she was also a member of the Northeast Louisiana Chapter of the
2	Gospel Music Workshop of America; and
3	WHEREAS, in 1973, she married the love of her life, Robert L. King; and
4	WHEREAS, in her leisure time, Mrs. King enjoyed fishing and shopping, and she
5	especially liked shoes; and
6	WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Isiah, Elie, and
7	Moses; and her husband; and
8	WHEREAS, Mrs. King is survived by her daughter, Ruth L. Watson-Grant; her son,
9	DeBore C. Watson; her siblings, Selma M. Washington, Norwood Watson, Dr. Evangeline
10	Brown, Lee Otis Watson, and Roy L. Watson; her grandchildren, DeBore C. Watson, Jr.,
11	Kayla K. Watson, Kenithra Knowles, Jacques J. Watson, Jared Watson, Jairus Watson, and
12	Jai Robert Watson; her great-grandchildren, Deja Watson, Curtis Watson, Kiara Watson,
13	Keona Forney, Kyla Forney, and Kai Forney; her godchildren, the Brown children, Reverend
14	John and Candice Russell, II, Sonia Gibson Amos, George Payne, and Reverend Gilbert
15	Wilson; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and
16	WHEREAS, the death of Bessie Mae Watson King has left a tremendous void in her
17	community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many citizens whose lives she
18	touched.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
21	death of Bessie Mae Watson King; does hereby record for posterity her manifold
22	contributions; and does hereby pay tribute to her for the generous and effective way in which
23	she dedicated her intelligence and her energy to the service of her family and friends, her
24	community, and the state of Louisiana.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26	to the family of Bessie Mae Watson King.

## DIGEST

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