

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSALIND JONES

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mrs. Bernice Miles Wilson.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Bernice Miles Wilson at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bernice Miles Wilson was born on September 12, 1921 in Wisner, Louisiana, to Willie and Emma Miles; and

WHEREAS, Bernice became a Christian at a very young age and was baptized at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Wisner, where she grew up; and

WHEREAS, Bernice was educated in the Franklin Parish public school system; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson married the love of her life, Henry, who preceded her in death in 1971; and

WHEREAS, for forty-five years, Mrs. Wilson owned the New Blue Heaven Grocery Café and Bar, a business that she, her husband, and her mother-in-law, Ada, operated; and

WHEREAS, the New Blue Heaven Grocery Café and Bar was a beloved locale for the people of the Atkins Quarters Neighborhood in Monroe, thanks to the hospitality of Mrs. Wilson and her family; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, where she was the secretary of her Sunday school class, Mrs. Wilson was an enthusiastic supporter of every program and department within the church, being named Member of the Year in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson passed from this life on June 19, 2011 in Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson is survived by a daughter, Eva, and a son, Sherry; two grandsons, Marcus and Sherrell; four great-grandchildren; and a host of family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, the death of Bernice Miles Wilson has left a tremendous void in her community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many individuals who mourn the loss of this wonderful woman whose memory shall forever remain alive in their minds and hearts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mrs. Bernice Miles Wilson and does hereby recognize that the memory of this extraordinary woman will forever bring great pride and honor to her family and her community and to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eva Wilson and Sherry Wilson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES