

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Leontine Loretta White Washington upon the celebration of her eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate Leontine Loretta White Washington upon the memorable and historic occasion of her eightieth birthday and to recognize her for her lifetime of commitment and devotion to her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was born on June 27, 1931, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, to Charlie and Earnestine White; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington has touched the lives of many people, including her husband of fifty-six years, Willie Bert Washington, Sr.; her eight children, Gwen, Earnestine, Willie Bea, Patricia, Darlene, Willie, Jr., Edna, and Charlene; her ten grandchildren; and her twenty-four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington was educated in the public schools of Iberville Parish, graduated from Iberville High School in 1950, earned a bachelor of arts degree, master of arts degree, and thirty additional graduate credits from Southern University, and furthered her studies at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington had a long, dedicated, and very effective career as an educator in the Iberville Parish School System for thirty-seven and a half years; and

WHEREAS, a member of Mt. Cyrene Baptist Church, Mrs. Washington is a very active member of her community who is passionate about the service and education of her fellow citizens and has served as a member and leader in numerous civic, professional, and church-related capacities; and

WHEREAS, for eighty years, Mrs. Washington has distinguished herself as an exemplary and highly admired citizen of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington's fellow citizens hope that she is aware of how much pride and joy her long and wonderful life has brought to them; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Mrs. Washington, an exceptional woman and an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, Leontine Loretta White Washington merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to the state of Louisiana and to all who know and love her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Leontine Loretta White Washington upon the celebration of her eightieth birthday because she exemplifies all that is good about Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary life she has lived in the eight decades since her birth, does hereby express enduring gratitude for the singular contributions she has made to her family, friends, community, and state, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for health and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Leontine Loretta White Washington.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES