

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the age of sixty-three; and

WHEREAS, the second of five children, Mrs. Webb was born in Baton Rouge on December 14, 1947, to the union of the late Lionel Griffin and the late Olivia Burgess Griffin (Holloway); she was baptized by Reverend T.J. Jemison, pastor of Mount Zion First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and Southern University Laboratory School and was a graduate of Baton Rouge High School and Louisiana State University, where she obtained a degree in liberal arts; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1970, Jo Evelyn Griffin married Clifton Gerald Webb, and later they were blessed with the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rhea Griffin Webb; and

WHEREAS, it was in New Orleans that Mr. and Mrs. Webb settled and began their careers, and Mrs. Webb served with distinction as the disadvantaged business enterprise liaison and the director of concessions and leases for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport; and

WHEREAS, in support of Rhea's early education in the Catholic school system in New Orleans, Mrs. Webb converted to Catholicism, and she was a member of St. Peter Claver Church until her death; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Mrs. Webb was particularly supportive of the arts as a founding member of the Contemporary Arts Center and a member of the Greater New Orleans Arts Council and the New Orleans Ballet Association; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty years in New Orleans, the Webb family moved back to Baton Rouge due to Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Webb is survived by her husband, Clifton Gerald Webb; her daughter, Rhea Griffin Webb; her brother, Donald Ray Griffin; her sisters, Angela Holloway Ross (James), Elizabeth Holloway Alcorn, and Alicia Holloway Tripp (Timothy); her mother-in-law, Modesta Jones Webb; her brothers-in-law, Kelbert Webb, Jr., and Reginald Webb (Jacqueline); her sister-in-law, Agnes Webb Johnson (Isaiah); five nieces and four nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends; she was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Robert Holloway; her father-in-law, Kelbert Webb, Sr.; her brother-in-law, William D. Alcorn II; and her grandparents; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mrs. Webb, Louisiana has lost one of her finest daughters and a woman whose beautiful legacy of love, kindness, gentleness, generosity, and friendship will endure; and

WHEREAS, though the loss of Mrs. Webb has left a tremendous void in her community, her memory will live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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 Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb, does hereby record for posterity her singular contributions and outstanding achievements, and does hereby express abiding appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful woman will forever bring to her family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Jo Evelyn Griffin Webb.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES