

1 WHEREAS, she later became actively involved in partisan politics, helping
2 generations of women in politics at every level, from the U.S. Senate and the New Orleans
3 City Council to the Orleans Parish School Board; she was a volunteer for Moon Landrieu's
4 campaign for mayor of New Orleans in 1970; she also worked for Congresswoman Lindy
5 Boggs; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1972, she worked with the National Women's Political Caucus to
7 encourage women to attend the Democratic convention; that same year, she won a seat on
8 the Democratic State Central Committee backed by Mayor Landrieu and the New Orleans
9 Coalition; this was among the highest offices women in New Orleans sought at the time; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Kahn joined Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign in 1976 and was
11 appointed to the convention's Rules Committee; later, in 2010, Ms. Kahn revived the
12 Independent Women's Organization, after a period of inactivity, and became its president
13 at age eighty-four; and

14 WHEREAS, her tenacity and drive were unyielding and her notable accomplishments
15 included being the second oldest delegate to the 2016 Democratic Convention; she missed
16 only one convention since 1976, often serving as a delegate; in 2016, she was awarded the
17 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Democratic Party; and

18 WHEREAS, the many contributions Felicia Kahn made to women in politics and the
19 Democratic Party in New Orleans and the state of Louisiana reflect a purpose-filled life; and

20 WHEREAS, Felicia Kahn is survived by her children, Charles N. "Chip" Kahn, III,
21 Elizabeth Kahn, and Felicia Kahn Michelson; brother, Richard Schornstein; and three
22 grandchildren.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Felicia Kahn
25 and does hereby recognize and record Ms. Kahn's major contributions to her community and
26 her state during a lifetime of advocacy and commitment to democracy and social justice.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to the family of Felicia Kahn.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the death of Felicia Kahn of New Orleans, political activist and social justice advocate.