HLS 162ES-310 ORIGINAL

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Roosevelt Pine

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Louisiana House of Representatives upon the death of Dr.
3	Roosevelt Pine.
4	WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives were saddened
5	to learn that Dr. Roosevelt Pine departed from his Dallas, Texas, earthly dwelling on June
6	19, 2016, to take up residence in his new home in Glory with his parents, his wife and other
7	relatives who preceded him, and with his heavenly Father; and
8	WHEREAS, born October 5, 1938, to Emily Smith and Roosevelt Pine, Sr., in
9	Winnsboro, Roosevelt Pine grew up in the home of his grandmother, Emily Booker; and
10	WHEREAS, music captivated Roosevelt Pine at an early age; his musical roots were
11	founded at Pleasant Star Baptist Church in Fort Necessity, Louisiana; from there his talents
12	grew and spread to Pilgrim Baptist Church in his hometown of Winnsboro; and
13	WHEREAS, after graduation from Franklin Parish Training School in 1957,
14	Roosevelt Pine enrolled at Southern University where he received a bachelor of science
15	degree in music education; while he was a student at Southern, Mr. Pine taught at the
16	Louisiana State School for the Blind, was a piano teacher, played for his home churches in
17	Winnsboro, and was a musician for Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church and Mount Carmel
18	Baptist Church in Baton Rouge; and
19	WHEREAS, Roosevelt Pine received master's degrees in vocal music and
20	instrumental music from Northeast University; he also received an honorary doctorate
21	degree from United Theological Seminary; and

1	WHEREAS, Dr. Pine married Elizabeth Stewart in 1961, and the couple was blessed
2	with a daughter, Sansulan Katre Pine; and
3	WHEREAS, Dr. Pine taught music for twenty-four years at Richwood High School
4	in Monroe; he also taught at Ouachita Junior High School and Jack Hayes Elementary
5	School, where his choirs received superior ratings at yearly competitions; Dr. Pine retired
6	from the Ouachita Parish school system in 1990; and
7	WHEREAS, after only one year of retirement, Dr. Pine accepted employment with
8	the Monroe City school system in 1991 and worked at Jefferson Junior High School, Carroll
9	Junior High School, and Carroll High School; his Carroll High School choir traveled to New
10	York City, performed at historic Andrew Carnegie Hall, and gained national recognition and
11	honors; Dr. Pine retired from the Monroe City school system in 2013; and
12	WHEREAS, Dr. Pine served as minister of music at New Light Baptist Church in
13	Monroe for fifty-one years and was also minister of music at New Macedonia Baptist
14	Church in Gilbert for fifty-seven years; his cousin and mentor, Mordessa Corbin, supported
15	Dr. Pine throughout his career; and
16	WHEREAS, the gospel selections "Thank You Jesus" and "Jesus Will Answer
17	Prayer" are among the original compositions of Dr. Roosevelt Pine, whose unique
18	personality and talent were shared in Louisiana and nationwide; and
19	WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sansulan; his grandchildren,
20	Alessandro Reynaldo, and Alexis and her husband, Derek; his great-grandchildren, Reynaldo
21	and Reyven; his brothers, Alford Cherry and his wife, Cathy, Robert Cherry, Jr., and his
22	wife, Patricia, Robert "Pete" Smith, and Ernest Cherry and his wife, Faye; his sisters,
23	Rowena Cherry, Margaret Cherry, and Senttenia Miller; and other family, friends, and
24	church congregations with which he shared his talent; and
25	WHEREAS, Dr. Roosevelt Pine will forever be remembered in the Monroe
26	community for his musical contributions, for his role as a father-figure and mentor to his
27	students, and for his admiration and reverence for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and all
28	who knew and loved him may take solace in the knowledge that Saint Paul gives from the
29	Bible in 2 Corinthians 5:8 that Dr. Pine is absent from the body and present with the Lord.

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1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the

- 2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the
- 3 family of Dr. Roosevelt Pine upon his transition to eternal rest and does hereby offer prayers
- 4 and hopes for comfort.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 6 to the family of Dr. Roosevelt Pine.

DIGEST

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