

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mother Evelyn Jewel "Tina" Jones.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Mother Evelyn Jewel "Tina" Jones on April 10, 2018, at the age of sixty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones was a caring, giving, and inspirational woman; she enjoyed life and encouraged her friends and family to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones loved God and believed in the power of prayer; her faith was her strength; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones was born on June 23, 1949, in Start, Louisiana, to Marshall "T-Jack" Johnson and Artie Mae Jones; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Rhymes High School in Rayville, Louisiana, and matriculated at Northeast Louisiana University (now known as University of Louisiana at Monroe); and

WHEREAS, she was united in holy matrimony to John H. Jones, III, and two daughters were born to this union, Katrina and Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones had a successful career as a florist for over thirty years at Jeff's Flower Boutique in Monroe; Mother Jones devoted much time and energy to her craft and passion; her creations as a florist became her ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones was a cherished member of the church families at Orange Hill Baptist Church in Alto and Greater Free Gift Baptist Church in Monroe; she served in

a vast number of ministries; at Greater Free Gift Baptist Church, she was mother of the church, head of the Flora Committee, and usher; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones is survived by her children, Katrina Jones and Sophia Jones; grandchildren, Cherterrica Jones, Chekala Jones, Traylon Jones, and Madison Horne; niece, Keysha Wheaton; stepmother, Lou Ellen Richard; sister, Alice Richard; brothers, Lee Richard and Larry Richard; godchildren, Raymond Johnson, Jr., and Brandon Johnson; aunts and uncles; her church families at Orange Hill Church and Greater Free Gift Baptist Church; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Mother Evelyn Jewel "Tina" Jones has left a tremendous void in her community, her memory shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Mother Evelyn Jewel "Tina" Jones upon her passing; does hereby extend deepest sympathies to all who knew and loved her and who mourn her absence; and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Mother Evelyn Jewel "Tina" Jones.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES