

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Napoleon

"Fat Sam" Meadors, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Napoleon "Fat Sam" Meadors, Jr., on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at the age of eighty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Napoleon Meadors, Jr., was born on February 13, 1932, in Haynesville, Louisiana, to Napoleon Meadors, Sr., and Maggie Washington and graduated from Haynesville Colored High School (now known as the Carter G. Woodson High School), where he was a star on the football field, leading his team to two state championships; he went on to study and continue playing football at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he was married to Mary Lee Glover, his No. 1 cheerleader and the love of his life, for sixty-seven years; to this union, nine children were born; and

WHEREAS, he taught his children countless life lessons, instilling in them the importance of hard work, responsibility, and honesty; he and Mary ensured they had a solid Christian foundation based on involvement in the church; "Fat Sam" was a long-time member and deacon of Friendship Baptist Church; he also stressed the importance of education to his children and supported their pursuit of extracurricular activities, attending as many of their band and choir concerts and basketball and football games as possible; and

WHEREAS, exploring different career paths, he worked at the Martin and Holt grocery stores, operated a landscaping and cleaning service, where he employed his sons, served as one of the two original African American police officers for the city of Haynesville, and retired as a field technician from Citi-Service Corp in 1998; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, "Fat Sam" enjoyed spending time with his family, running his bush hog, and breeding and raising hogs; and

WHEREAS, "Fat Sam" was a member of the Haynesville Masonic Lodge #108 and was involved with the Golden Tornado Quarterback Club of Haynesville High School; his consistent mentoring and leadership of young football players led to the naming of the club building in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meadors is survived by his wife, Mary L. Glover Meadors; sons, Napoleon Meadors, III, and his wife Alyce, Johnnie Meadors, Sr., James E. Meadors, Sr., and his wife Constance, Nathaniel Meadors, Sr., and his wife Kathy, Norman Meadors, Sr., and his wife Vera, and Roderick Meadors, and his wife Cindy; daughters, Mae Katherine Williams, and her husband Franklin, Sr., and Marcia Denise Grider, and her husband Fernando, Sr.; brothers, Albert L. Kirk, and his wife Gloria, and Charles Henderson; thirty grandchildren; thirty-eight great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Napoleon "Fat Sam" Meadors, Jr., was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, and public servant; his passing leaves a void in the lives of family, friends, and community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Napoleon "Fat Sam" Meadors, Jr.; does hereby express heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends; and does hereby extend thoughts and wishes for peace in this time of sorrow and hopes for fond and lasting memories.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Napoleon "Fat Sam" Meadors, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES