

1 WHEREAS, in 1980, Coach Washington was the first black football coach at
2 Louisiana State University (LSU) and from 1981 to 1986, he was head football coach at
3 Southern University in Baton Rouge; after stints as assistant coach at LSU and Tulane
4 University, he returned to New Orleans and served as the director of the New Orleans Police
5 Athletic League; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Washington has been inducted into the Louisiana High School
7 Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame, Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches,
8 New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame, Southern University Sports Hall of Fame, St. Augustine
9 High School Hall of Fame, and Xavier University Wall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Washington was also named an All-Southern Intercollegiate
11 Athletic Conference offensive guard and linebacker at Xavier University, a New Orleans
12 States-Item Coach of the Year, and honored with the Louisiana Sportswriters Association
13 Coach of the Year Award and the Louisiana National Association for the Advancement of
14 Colored People's Unsung Hero Award; and

15 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly fifty-three years, Linda
16 P. Washington; siblings, Carol C. Black, Olivia Washington, Charlene W. Brown, Theopolis,
17 Sr., and his wife Jacqueline, Sharon D. Williams, and her husband Tyrone R., Sr., and Irma
18 Ruth McQueen; sisters-in-law, Isranell P. Thomas, Idell Jefferson, Audrey Patterson, and
19 Carolyn Patterson; brothers-in-law, Frank Patterson, Jeffery Patterson, Willie Patterson,
20 Lionel Patterson, and Terry Patterson; godchildren, Alfred E. Harrell, III, Talisha Davis, Erin
21 Burns, Don Bailey, and Alisha Moten; special "grandchildren", Hannah Kimbrough and
22 Angel Lydia Harrell; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, although the death of Coach Washington has left a tremendous void in
24 the Louisiana athletic community, and in the lives of his family, friends, and former students
25 and players, this uniquely gifted gentleman shall live forever in the minds, hearts, and
26 memories of all who knew and loved him.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Otis J. "Coach"
29 Washington, Jr; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions and
30 achievements, especially during his tenure as assistant and head coach for multiple football

1 programs; and does hereby express gratitude for the indelible mark that his enduring legacy
2 has left upon the state of Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 family of Otis J. Washington, Jr.

DIGEST

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