

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 316

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of J. Ashley Mitchell Carter

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of J. Ashley  
3 Mitchell Carter, former attorney for the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee  
4 of the Louisiana Legislature.

5 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
6 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death at age  
7 thirty-four of J. Ashley Mitchell Carter, a dedicated public servant and brilliant attorney who  
8 left this world on May 27, 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, Ashley was born on April 16, 1985, to James "J. B." and Jennifer Gail  
10 Walker Mitchell in Shreveport, Louisiana; she graduated with honors from Louisiana State  
11 University with a bachelor of arts in political science and a minor in psychology; she also  
12 graduated with honors from Southern University with a master of social sciences in political  
13 science and earned her juris doctor degree from Southern University; and

14 WHEREAS, as a law student, Ashley was elected as vice president, president, and  
15 sub-regional director of the National Black Law Students Association; she served as vice  
16 president of entertainment of the Sports and Entertainment Legal Association, and she held  
17 positions as graduate advisor and teaching assistant; her public service career began as a law  
18 clerk with the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, chaired by former U.S.  
19 Senator Mary Landrieu; and

1 WHEREAS, Ashley married the love of her life, Charles Carter, Jr., on June 28,  
2 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, a member of New Gideon Baptist Church, she was a strong Christian,  
4 a devoted child of God, and a loyal family member and friend; she was the director of the  
5 liturgical dance ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, Ashley was a staff attorney for the Senate and Governmental Affairs  
7 Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children of the Legislature of  
8 Louisiana; she served as interim executive director of the Louisiana Legislative Black  
9 Caucus and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and as support staff for the  
10 Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus; and

11 WHEREAS, she worked in the Louisiana Senate chief of staff's office and the office  
12 of the governor during Governor Kathleen Blanco's term; and

13 WHEREAS, as a founding partner of the Pearson and Mitchell law firm, Ashley  
14 focused on intellectual property, contract negotiations, family law, wills, successions,  
15 business, and foundation formation; she was in the 2017 graduating class of the Baton Rouge  
16 Area Chamber leadership program; and

17 WHEREAS, she was a certified mediator and a member of the Baton Rouge Bar  
18 Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, National Bar Association, and Louis A.  
19 Martinet Legal Society; and

20 WHEREAS, she maintained involvement in a number of community endeavors,  
21 including being a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and with her  
22 husband and his childhood friends, she assisted Reaching Our Dreams Foundation, a  
23 nonprofit organization with initiatives like annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaways in Baton  
24 Rouge and Shreveport; and

25 WHEREAS, Ashley was a friend to many people who embraced and accepted her  
26 as family; her positive nature and kind soul radiated through her work and charitable efforts;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, those who mourn her loss may find solace in the fact that she was a  
29 believer in Christ who accepted the Lord into her life at an early age and Ashley's spirit will  
30 live on.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of J. Ashley  
3   Mitchell Carter; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her significant contributions,  
4   her outstanding abilities, and her generosity and kindness; and does hereby express the deep  
5   regret of the entire House of Representatives family upon the loss of this extraordinary  
6   woman.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
8   family of J. Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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DIGEST

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