

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Copeland was chairman of the board of directors of the Shreveport
2 Federal Credit Union/Grambling Credit Union and was proud to represent the credit union
3 movement for over forty years; his work as chairman earned him an induction into the
4 African-American Credit Union Coalition Hall of Fame in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless work towards economic development of his
6 community, Dr. Copeland was a deacon at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Grambling and
7 served as both the church treasurer and a youth Sunday school teacher for many years; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Copeland is survived by his wife, Lolita Collins Copeland; children,
9 Brian Mandel Copeland and Beryl Copeland Washington, and her husband Leonardo;
10 siblings, Charles Copeland, and his wife Wanda, Bettye Copeland, Mary Ellen Copeland,
11 and Gloria Copeland Jones, and her husband Donald; granddaughters Virginia Allison and
12 Lea Bryanna Copeland; and a host of other relatives; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Copeland employed his personal academic successes towards the
14 betterment of his community; his selfless commitment to serve others is worthy of the
15 highest recognition; he will be deeply missed.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death on Dr.
18 Birdex Copeland, Jr.; does hereby offer sincere appreciation to Dr. Copeland for his selfless
19 commitment to ensuring the betterment of the Grambling community; and does hereby
20 extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family and friends find comfort knowing that he
21 has returned to his heavenly home to be with God the Father.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of Dr. Birdex Copeland, Jr.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences on the death of Dr. Birdex Copeland, Jr.