

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS AND JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Gail Anderson Nelson, wife of former state senator Sydney B. Nelson.

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate are deeply saddened by the passing of Gail Anderson Nelson, wife of former state senator Sydney B. Nelson, whose dedication and service to the community have left an indelible mark on the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Gail was born on March 29, 1937, in Brunswick, Georgia to William Wyatt Anderson and Lottie Palmer Johnson Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Gail was the younger sister of William Wyatt Anderson, Jr. who was born on March 2, 1935, and died in the flu epidemic, and twin brothers John Palmer Anderson and Wyatt Wheaton Anderson, born two years after her on March 27, 1939; and

WHEREAS, in her early years, Gail lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, Sarasota, Florida, and Galveston, Texas, where she learned to drive on Galveston beaches; and

WHEREAS, Gail and her family later returned to Brunswick, Georgia, where she was awarded the "Most Intelligent" superlative by vote of her peers, and it was in Brunswick where she graduated, and later met Sydney Banks Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Gail and Sydney were married after a short courtship and to this union was born a daughter, Denise Dawn Nelson (Akers), and a son, Sydney Stephen Nelson; and

WHEREAS, of the many things Gail loved, chief on this list was family and her church, First United Methodist Church of Shreveport (FUMC), where she faithfully served as chaperones for the FUMC youth group; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her remarkable work as a registered nurse, Gail has served as a PTA president, wedding coordinator, girl scout leader, one of the first female presidents of the Residence Association, and she was a member of the board of trustees for the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference; and

WHEREAS, Gail's famous banana and cranberry bread for breakfast was a favorite amongst her family, and the cherished bond and fond memories she created with her children, Denise and Sydney, four grandchildren, Heather Aileen, Christopher, Anna

Kathryn, and William, and two great-grandchildren, Reagan Dawn and Zander James, will forever be etched in the most sacred spaces of their hearts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Gail Anderson Nelson on her passing and expresses its deepest gratitude for her years of dedicated service to the people of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Gail Anderson Nelson as a token of our sincere sympathy and appreciation for her outstanding contributions to our state.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE