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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND JACKSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ayodele
3 "Ayo" Edith Anderson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on Friday,
6 April 25, 2025, of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson; and

7 WHEREAS, Ayo was born on May 23, 1976, in Columbus, Ohio, to Arthur Lee and
8 Burnadine Moss Anderson; she grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she was baptized
9 at Stoner Hill Baptist Church in 1984 and grew in her faith at Mount Canaan Baptist Church;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ayo was a member of the inaugural kindergarten class at South
12 Highlands Elementary Magnet School, and she attended Caddo Middle Magnet School and
13 C.E. Byrd High School; she enrolled at Southern University and A&M College in Baton
14 Rouge, Louisiana, in 1994, and followed her mother's legacy by pledging "Service to All
15 Mankind" at her spring 1996 initiation into the Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
16 Sorority, Incorporated (AKA); and

17 WHEREAS, Ayo was an incredibly gifted scholar who excelled in her academic
18 pursuits; she graduated cum laude from the Southern University Honors College and
19 received a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications and media studies in 1998; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson returned to Shreveport after graduating and launched her
21 communications career at Southern University at Shreveport; she quickly gained recognition

1 as a rising civic and business leader through her involvement with the Greater Shreveport
2 Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Shreveport Program; after one year, she moved to New
3 York to attend graduate school at Syracuse University, where she earned a master's degree
4 from the prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson began a successful corporate career in New York,
6 working as a human resources manager for Verizon in New York City; in this role, she
7 managed company priorities in the areas of diversity, supplier diversity, EEO compliance,
8 and talent acquisition, and she earned the National Award for Employee Innovation in
9 recognition of her outstanding contributions; she thrived in the city, building a wonderful
10 community of friends in Brooklyn and becoming a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Ayo relocated to Lewisville, Texas, for work in 2005 and became a
13 devoted member of Concord Baptist Church; she lived out her passion for service through
14 her involvement with the Omicron Mu Omega Chapter of AKA and the Trinity Chapter of
15 The Links, Incorporated; she took on leadership roles within AKA, serving as chairman of
16 Founders' Day in 2024 and 2025 and chairman of the chapter's membership committee; she
17 led the organization's South Central Regional Hospitality Committee for four years; and

18 WHEREAS, Ayo returned to Shreveport to care for her family and continued serving
19 the community as the chaplain for both the Shreveport Chapter of The Links, Incorporated,
20 and the Red River Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated; she worked with the
21 Area Health Education Center at LSU Health Shreveport and mentored young scholars
22 pursuing careers in healthcare, particularly those serving rural and underserved communities;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson fulfilled her dream of being a small business owner by
25 launching Ayo's Exquisite Excursions and Events; through her business, she showcased her
26 entrepreneurial talents and passion for curating unforgettable experiences; and

27 WHEREAS, Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson leaves to cherish her beautiful memory
28 her son and best friend, Ayden Akil Moss Anderson; mother, Burnadine Moss Anderson;
29 brothers, Dakarai Akil Anderson, Calvin Jermaine Hall, Sr. (Tina), and Derrick Hall (Lisa);
30 uncles, Leo Anderson, Cato Stephens, Kenneth Webb (Yolanda), and Marshall Webb, Jr.;

1 aunt, Sylvia Young; nephews, Derrick Hall, Jr., Paige Hall, and Calvin Hall, Jr., and niece,
2 Aniya Hall; godmother, Ozzie Stewart; godchild, Shelby Moore; and a host of cousins,
3 friends, sorority sisters, Links members, and Jack and Jill mothers; she will be deeply
4 missed, but the legacy of her light and love shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds
5 of those who were privileged to have known her.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ayodele
8 "Ayo" Edith Anderson and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and
9 loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

DIGEST

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