

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson returned to Shreveport after graduating and launched her communications career at Southern University at Shreveport; she quickly gained recognition as a rising civic and business leader through her involvement with the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Shreveport Program; after one year, she moved to New York to attend graduate school at Syracuse University, where she earned a master's degree from the prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her son and best friend, Ayden Akil Moss Anderson; mother, Burnadine Moss Anderson; brothers, Dakarai Akil Anderson, Calvin Jermaine Hall, Sr. (Tina), and Derrick Hall (Lisa); uncles, Leo Anderson, Cato Stephens, Kenneth Webb (Yolanda), and Marshall Webb, Jr.; aunt, Sylvia Young; nephews, Derrick Hall, Jr., Paige Hall, and Calvin Hall, Jr., and niece, Aniya Hall; godmother, Ozzie Stewart; godchild, Shelby Moore; and a host of cousins, friends, sorority sisters, Links members, and Jack and Jill mothers; she will be deeply missed, but the legacy of her light and love shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known her.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES