

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Tyrone Michael Maracalin.

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 April 23, 2025, of Tyrone Michael Maracalin; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone was born on January 2, 1955, to the late Frank Maracalin, Sr., and Gladys Knight Maracalin, and was the oldest of seven siblings who were raised in White Castle, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone attended White Castle High School and starred on the school's basketball team, earning All-Metro honors for his achievements; he graduated in 1973 and enrolled at Grambling State University, where he played for the Tigers basketball team and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation in the fall of 1976; and

WHEREAS, after college, Mr. Maracalin began working at Hercules Chemical Plant, and the following year, he accepted a position as a laboratory analyst with Georgia Pacific Corporation and served for four decades before retiring in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maracalin accepted Christ and was baptized in 1977 by Reverend Sidney Williams at Independent Methodist Church in White Castle; he married Carol Ann Tillman on June 19, 1981, and cherished his role as a devoted family man to his wife and their daughter, Taylor Michelle; he doted on his family with love and admiration, worked tirelessly to provide, and always placed his family's needs first; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone accepted the call to ministry and became a licensed minister in July 2006; he was ordained under the auspices of the Fourth District Baptist Association by Pastor Shannon Warner of Macedonia Baptist Church in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone actively participated in the Iberville Parish Ministers Conference and the White Castle Ministerial Alliance, was appointed chaplain of the White Castle Ministerial Alliance, and faithfully served as vice president of the Mid-Week and Thursday High Noon services; at the time of his passing, he served as the associate minister under Pastor Corey Thomas at Point Pleasant Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone Michael Maracalin leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of more than forty-three years, Carol Tillman Maracalin; daughter, Taylor Michelle Maracalin; siblings, Barbra M. Diggs, Frank Maracalin, Jr. (Lois), Karla M. Jordan, Julius Maracalin (Cheryl); brother and sister in love, Reverend Shannon and Paula T. Warner; aunts, Gloria K. Thomas, Sara K. Mitchell, and Reona Tillman; godchildren, Steve, Tiffanie, Eric, Jereme, Cordell, Amanda, and Carlace; nieces and nephews, Tamika, Donisha, Corey, Rhanetta, Traneshia, Courtney, Julius, Brittany, Oliver, Dwayne, and Shannon II; cousins, Quintus Smith, Sr., and Joseph Smith, Jr.; and a host of extended relatives and friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his love and light shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Tyrone Michael Maracalin and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES