

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Safaria Angelique McFarland.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Safaria Angelique McFarland; and

WHEREAS, Safaria was baptized at the age of seven by her beloved uncle, the late Bishop George A. Spears, Sr., at Antioch Baptist Church, and she served the church as a part of its youth ministry and vacation Bible school ministry; later in life, she moved her membership to United Christian Faith Ministries in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and worshiped under the leadership of Dr. Mark A. Ellis; and

WHEREAS, Safaria was a proud 1999 graduate of Glen Oaks High School, and she received both a bachelor's and master's degree in business management from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge; she earned a second master's degree from the University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarland was an incredibly gifted woman who possessed a genuine passion for service, working as an educator and volunteering as a NYSP counselor and Boys and Girls Club group counselor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarland was most passionate about singing and praising God, and she sang with Gary A. Spears & God's Anointed Singers, Arthur & Friends Community Choir, and Bethesda; she had an eye for fashion such as jewelry, shoes, purses, and perfume, and she truly cherished the time she spent with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Safaria Angelique McFarland leaves to cherish her memory her devoted and loving parents, Kenneth and Neomi McFarland; niece, Daija McFarland; godparents, Georgia Brumfield and Willie Gordon; godsisters, Angela S. Smith, Kiyana G. Patton, Anquista M. McCoy, and Debra G. Robertson; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; she will be deeply missed, but the legacy of her 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 Safaria Angelique McFarland 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