

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 367

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams upon the celebration of her one
3 hundredth birthday.

4 WHEREAS, Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams celebrated her one hundredth
5 birthday on January 14, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams was born on January 14,
7 1925, in Charleston, West Virginia, to Dr. Dennis Edward and Willia G. Hundley Smith; she
8 earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Morgan State University
9 in Baltimore, Maryland, and completed a master's degree at West Virginia University; and

10 WHEREAS, Thelma moved to Grambling, Louisiana, in 1956 and began work as
11 an assistant professor of health and physical education and dance instructor at Grambling
12 College; she also worked at Grambling High School later in her career; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a woman of many talents; she authored a book,
14 *Grambling, A Pictorial History*, and other works of historical study; she received dance
15 training at Carnegie Hall in New York City and has choreographed hundreds of debutante
16 balls, pageants, musicals, weddings, programs, dance recitals, and movies; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has mentored thousands of youth in their quest for
18 success, and she is in frequent demand as a speaker in her region; she also hosted a weekly
19 radio and cable television show produced at Grambling State University; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a civic-minded woman who has actively served on
2 numerous community committees, and a community service award has been named in her
3 honor; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and New
5 Rocky Valley Baptist Church in Grambling; she is also the mother of three children and has
6 three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams is most deserving of the
8 highest recognition for a lifetime of service to the Grambling community.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Thelma Alice Smith Washington Williams
11 upon the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and does hereby extend sincerest wishes
12 that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors.

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