

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY SENATORS BOUIE, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, STINE, TALBOT AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Oscar Earl Carter III and to commemorate his extraordinary life of service, leadership, and compassion.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and loving remembrance that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Oscar Earl Carter III on June 9, 2025, at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, born and raised with a heart for service and an unyielding drive for excellence, Oscar lived a life defined by compassion, leadership, and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of others, while deeply valuing his role as a devoted father and loving companion to Martha Bradford; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty-five years, Oscar served as executive director of the Dr. O.E. Carter, Jr. Memorial Foundation in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he led a nationally accredited opioid treatment center, which became a beacon of hope to individuals battling addiction; and

WHEREAS, Oscar was a visionary entrepreneur, serving as vice president and co-owner of Coastal Ford, Inc., in Mobile, Alabama, where he guided sales teams, managed operations, and upheld excellence in customer service; he also owned O.E. Carter Maintenance, Inc., where his work extended from appliance repair to international trade, including humanitarian aid through vehicle exports to Central America; and

WHEREAS, Oscar was a proud and devoted member of Senator Joe Bouie's legislative team, faithfully serving as a legislative aide for community engagement since 2014 where he made strong connections with the 125,000 constituents of the district; and

WHEREAS, his lifelong mission of serving others with grace, humility, and purpose was further evidenced in his work with VERTCART, Inc., a company which provided detox services and HIV/AIDS education, and through his involvement with the Knights of St. Peter Claver, a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to faith, community service, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Oscar, affectionately known as "Bing", was a man of profound character, whose guiding principles were grounded in justice, human dignity, and the empowerment of the underserved; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Dr. Oscar E. Carter Jr. and Edna Lang Carter, and his dear sister, Anita Simone Carter; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory and legacy are his brother, Dr. Don Carter Sr. (Melanie); his sisters, Donna Carter, Kim Carter, and Adoria Doucette; his children, Darlene Carter, Oscar Carter IV (Reesheda), Kristie Carter-Gutierrez (Marvin), Scott Carter (Alaina), Monisha Butler Jackson (Gavin), Courtne Rausaw (Tarrence), Ashlay Thomas (David), and Brittany Carter; and his many beloved grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and cherished friends; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Oscar Earl Carter III shall live on in the countless lives he touched and transformed through his extraordinary compassion, vision, and tireless service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Oscar Earl Carter III and does hereby commemorate and honor his lifetime of achievement, advocacy, and love for humanity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Oscar Earl Carter III.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE