

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Olga Bandi Riegel

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Olga Bandi  
3 Riegel.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on September 28,  
6 2025, of Olga Bandi Riegel; and

7 WHEREAS, Olga was born on Christmas Day in 1944 to Olga Parlongue Bandi and  
8 Nicholas J. Bandi and was a lifelong resident of New Orleans, Louisiana; she was an only  
9 child who was cherished by her parents and was raised to share the gift of friendship with  
10 everyone; and

11 WHEREAS, Olga attended Holy Name of Jesus School and graduated from Mercy  
12 Academy in 1962; from 1962 to 1966, she attended Louisiana State University, where she  
13 was a proud member of Chi Omega sorority and made many lifelong friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Riegel forged deep and abiding friendships with many people from  
15 diverse cultures and countries; she was known to welcome others into her home and share  
16 delicious home-cooked meals, warmth, laughter, and stimulating conversation; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Riegel embraced the vibrant and rich culture of New Orleans and  
18 loved the city's Dixieland Jazz, R&B, Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, and neighborhood restaurants;  
19 she celebrated every day of her life and made many people laugh with her zany and  
20 humorous personality; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Riegel cherished raising her three daughters and was an active  
2 volunteer at their school, Academy of the Sacred Heart, where she served as the Mother's  
3 Club president; she was a member of St. Rita's Parish and several other religious, social, and  
4 civic organizations throughout her adult life; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Riegel was thrilled to become a grandmother in her fifties and spent  
6 many years playing an active role in the lives and care of her seven grandchildren who loved  
7 her dearly and benefitted from her wisdom and generosity; and

8           WHEREAS, Olga Bandi Riegel is survived by her loving husband of sixty years,  
9 Philip R. Riegel; daughters, Stephanie Riegel (Gregory Woolverton), Tracey Koch (David),  
10 and Kristen Riegel (Jeff Thacher); grandchildren, Allison Woolverton, Madeleine Heyob  
11 (Ben), Michael Woolverton, Jon David Koch, Maggie Koch, Sarah Hook, and Christopher  
12 Hook; and great-granddaughter, Catherine Heyob; she will be deeply missed, but the legacy  
13 of her loving spirit shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have  
14 known and loved her.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Olga  
17 Bandi Riegel and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones  
18 find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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#### DIGEST

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