

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR JENKINS

CONDOLENCES. Extends sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Rubye Helen Jackson.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To extend sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
3 upon the passing of Rubye Helen Jackson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep respect that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 recognizes the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Mrs. Rubye Helen Jackson, who  
6 departed this life on April 13, 2026, at the age of ninety-four, leaving behind an indelible  
7 record of faith, service, and dedication to her family, her community, and the state of  
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was born on August 22, 1931, in Keatchie, Louisiana, to  
10 Theodore and Mary B. McClure, who instilled in her the foundational values of faith,  
11 education, and selfless service that would define her life; and

12 WHEREAS, she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior at an early age and was a  
13 devoted member of Avenue Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, where her spiritual  
14 leadership and unwavering commitment to the ministry served as a beacon of light for the  
15 congregation; and

16 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of the final class of Central Colored High School in  
17 Shreveport, she continued her academic pursuits at Southern University in Baton Rouge,  
18 Louisiana, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1953; and

1           WHEREAS, that same year, she married Alphonse Jackson Jr., and together they  
2 raised their beloved family, including their two cherished daughters, Lydia Patrice and  
3 Angela Eileen, while remaining steadfast in their commitment to public service; and

4           WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a dedicated educator for more than thirty years,  
5 serving students in Webster Parish and Caddo Parish first as a teacher and later, after earning  
6 a Master's degree in counseling from New York University, as a guidance counselor; and

7           WHEREAS, her career was defined by a tireless advocacy for the youth of Northwest  
8 Louisiana, leaving a lasting imprint on generations of students whose lives were transformed  
9 by her mentorship, compassion, and academic guidance; and

10          WHEREAS, following her retirement in 1986, she continued her mission of service  
11 as a board member of Volunteers of America of North Louisiana and the Regional Mental  
12 Health Association, earning the distinguished title of Louisiana State Volunteer of the Year  
13 in 1987 for her meaningful work with the "I Am Thumbbody" program; and

14          WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
15 Sorority, Incorporated, and was honored on January 31, 2026, by the Delta Lambda Omega  
16 Chapter as a "Diamond Soror", commemorating seventy-five years of exemplary sisterhood  
17 and service to all mankind; and

18          WHEREAS, she is survived by many who will honor her legacy and memory,  
19 including her loving daughters, Lydia Patrice and Angela Eileen; her devoted friend of more  
20 than sixty years, Evelyn G. Valore; and a vast network of family, friends, and "adopted"  
21 loved ones who knew her affectionately as "Aunt Helen"; and

22          WHEREAS, the widespread outpouring of tributes from throughout the state stands  
23 as a testament to the profound respect and admiration she earned as a pillar of grace,  
24 intelligence, and community strength.

25          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Rubye Helen  
27 Jackson and does hereby honor her legacy and outstanding contributions to education and  
28 community service.

29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
30 family of Mrs. Rubye Helen Jackson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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