

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore on the occasion of her passing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 occasion of the passing of Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore.

4 WHEREAS, Carolyn Ann Cherry Moore was born on July 26, 1941, in Tyler, Texas,  
5 and was reared in Franklin, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, she was a longtime resident of Potomac, Maryland, and Baton Rouge,  
7 Louisiana, the latter of which she affectionately considered her home; and

8 WHEREAS, Carolyn departed this life peacefully on April 16, 2026, at her residence  
9 in Baton Rouge, surrounded by her loving husband and children; and

10 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher Columbus Cherry  
11 Jr. and Velda Ann McGarrahan Cherry; and

12 WHEREAS, Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of over  
13 sixty-three years, William Henson Moore III; her children, William Henson Moore IV and  
14 his wife, Mary, Jennifer Lee Moore McGehee and her husband, Arthur, and Cherry Ann  
15 Moore Duckworth and her husband, Theodore; her grandchildren, her step-grandchildren,  
16 and her great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, she excelled academically and socially, graduating in 1959 as Franklin  
18 High School's salutatorian, also serving as yearbook editor, a Homecoming Court member,

1 Drum Majorette, Most Beautiful Girl, and Miss Franklin High School; and

2 WHEREAS, Carolyn was selected as a delegate to Pelican Girls State, where she was  
3 elected Commissioner of Agriculture, and in later years was invited to return as a counselor,  
4 an especially momentous chapter in her life, as it was during this time that she met her future  
5 husband, William Henson Moore III, who was also a counselor; and

6 WHEREAS, her accomplishments extended beyond school as she was crowned Miss  
7 St. Mary Parish in 1958, Louisiana's Junior Miss in 1958, International Rice Queen for  
8 1958–1959, and also earning runner-up in the 1960 Miss Baton Rouge Beauty Pageant and  
9 the titles of Miss Capital City and Miss Holiday Queen; and

10 WHEREAS, Carolyn attended Louisiana State University, where she was elected to  
11 represent the Junior Division as a freshman and went on to graduate in 1963 with a Bachelor  
12 of Science degree in Education; and

13 WHEREAS, during her years at Louisiana State University, she demonstrated  
14 outstanding school spirit and leadership, serving as a cheerleader for four consecutive years,  
15 participating in several bowl games, and actively involved in campus life as a member of the  
16 National L Club and Pi Beta Phi Sorority; and

17 WHEREAS, her many honors at LSU also included Darling of the LSU Court,  
18 Gumbo Favorite, Rodeo Queen's Court, Sigma Chi Fraternity Court, LSU Centennial Court,  
19 Bengal Belle of the Week, and serving as ROTC Sponsor for both the Air Force Squadron  
20 and the Army ROTC Pershing Rifles Regiment; and

21 WHEREAS, Carolyn dedicated herself to church and community service, teaching  
22 Sunday School at Trinity Episcopal Church, participating in the Junior League and the  
23 Congressional Wives Club, and working as a part-time real estate agent in Maryland and  
24 Baton Rouge, earning multiple recognitions as an Outstanding Sales Agent from the  
25 Montgomery County, Maryland Board of Realtors; and

26 WHEREAS, Carolyn lovingly supported her husband's public service career while  
27 raising her family and maintaining a warm, loving home; and

28 WHEREAS, her own commitment to public service was demonstrated through her  
29 appointment by President George H. W. Bush as Director of the Presidential Scholars  
30 Program in the United States Department of Education, where she served for four years and

