

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 338

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Ponder "P.C." Clinton, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on December 3, 2025, of Ponder "P.C." Clinton, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ponder Clinton, Jr., was born on February 9, 1926, in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, to Ponder Clinton, Sr., and Lucinda Jiles Clinton; he was the eldest of twelve children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clinton was known as "P.C." by his family and friends, and as the oldest sibling, he provided a wealth of guidance to his brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clinton was educated at Red Lick Community School and raised in a Christian household, where he received daily instruction in the teachings of Christianity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clinton enlisted in the United States Army on April 4, 1944, at the age of eighteen; he served honorably during his tenure and was stationed at Camp Beauregard in Rapides Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Clinton continued the legacy of his ancestors by pursuing a career in agriculture as a farmer and cattleman; he was recognized as the first Black Louisiana farmer to produce a premium bale of cotton, achieving such recognition in 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, and 1975; he attributed his success in agriculture to his steadfast faith; and

WHEREAS, in addition to agriculture, Mr. Clinton served as a school bus operator in DeSoto and Caddo Parishes, transporting hundreds of students during his tenure; afterwards, he began a bush-hogging business and worked as the head custodian at the Caddo Career and Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clinton played an instrumental role in the formation of a community action committee that organized and participated in daily marches throughout the Cedar Grove neighborhood; these marches included singing and praying and declared the AB Palmer Park a drug-free zone; the group's efforts garnered national recognition and caught the attention of civil rights activist Dick Gregory, who traveled to Shreveport and joined in the marches; the group's efforts ultimately resulted in the revitalization of the park and created a safe atmosphere for the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clinton and his wife, Dorothy Mae, were married for seventy-four years before her passing on July 10, 2023, and they had ten children: Brenda, Robert, Albert, Emmanuel, Lawrence, Gloria, Harry, Perry, Dennis, and Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Ponder "P.C." Clinton, Jr., was a pillar of the various communities he served, and while he will be deeply missed, the legacy of his contributions to the state of Louisiana shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ponder "P.C." Clinton, Jr.; does hereby offer enduring appreciation for his contributions to the Louisiana's agricultural industry, including his status as a pioneer among Black farmers and cattlemen in the state; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his inspiring life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES