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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 330

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louise Cole for more than four decades of community service in Cameron Parish.

WHEREAS, Louise Cole is a native of Alabama who moved to Cameron Parish in Southwest Louisiana, where she has made outstanding contributions to the Cameron and Lake Charles communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is devoted to working for the betterment of her community; she has long been passionate about justice and equality and took particular interest in the work of the NAACP, one of the oldest nonviolent civil rights organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole took on the responsibility of establishing a branch of the NAACP in Cameron Parish; she successfully established the Cameron Parish Branch with the help of officers from the Louisiana State Conference and the Lake Charles Branch, including Ethel Floyd and Florce J. Floyd, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1978, the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP received its charter from Emmitt Douglas, president of the Louisiana State Conference of Branches, and members of the NAACP National Board of Directors, and Ms. Cole was elected president of branch; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Cole's leadership, the Cameron Parish Branch became deeply involved in social justice efforts within the parish; the branch conducted membership drives, voter education, registration, and get-out-the-vote drives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole rallied people of all races and backgrounds and local marching bands, churches, and organizations to achieve social justice in Southwest Louisiana; she tirelessly and courageously lobbied local and state legislators to rename the Monkey Island Ferry after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and she initiated, coordinated, and implemented the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade in Cameron Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole served as a mentor, teacher, leader, and role model for the youth chapter of the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP; the branch also provided

scholarships and educational assistance to local youth and supported the future leaders of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is a strong believer in the power and importance of united prayer and praise; in the early 1970s, she recognized the need to unite people of diverse racial, faith, and national backgrounds on the National Day of Prayer, and each year she brought together ministers of a diverse range of faiths and religious beliefs to join together in united prayer; and

WHEREAS, in her youth, Ms. Cole loved fashion and was a fashion model; she shared her love by establishing an annual style and fashion show, where young people compete in various categories and are recognized for their poise, style, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole and her son, Dr. Charles Cole, have traveled across the United States to attend numerous meetings, conventions, and gatherings, and they share a consistent message to love one another; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has received numerous awards and honors for her outstanding service; the Cameron Parish Branch has been recognized as the Outstanding Branch of the Year, and she received the Champion of the Cause Award and numerous other honors; and

WHEREAS, Louise Cole has forged a legacy of service to civil rights efforts in Cameron Parish, and she is deserving of recognition for her exceptional contributions to the communities of Southwest Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louise Cole for more than four decades of community service in Cameron Parish and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous in all of her endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES