



1           WHEREAS, Sharon was a champion for the rebuilding of the city post-Katrina and  
2 led efforts to secure two hundred seventy-five million dollars in crucial funding for all the  
3 city's public and private universities; she was named a YLC Role Model by the Young  
4 Leadership Council the spring of 2006; and

5           WHEREAS, during her tenure at Tulane University, Sharon successfully managed  
6 community relations to secure city approval for a new on-campus football stadium, which  
7 helped to energize the football program; her efforts were also instrumental in kickstarting  
8 the New Orleans BioDistrict and creating a strategic plan for the one thousand two  
9 hundred-acre economic development district aimed at growing the biosciences sector; and

10           WHEREAS, Sharon founded Neutral Ground Strategies in February of 2025, and in  
11 her final days, she continued to serve higher education by helping the University of New  
12 Orleans increase its funding through her work in hospitals; and

13           WHEREAS, Sharon also served in leadership roles for various boards, including  
14 Market Umbrella, ReNEW Schools, and the Data Center; and

15           WHEREAS, Sharon was often referred to as one of the few honest brokers left in the  
16 policy world; she was a steadfast advocate of the truth, constantly strived to make the world  
17 a better place, and acted with respect, honesty, and integrity; and

18           WHEREAS, Sharon had a deep love of New Orleans and its cultural traditions; she  
19 attended Jazz Fest every year that she lived in the city, became a member of the Krewe of  
20 Muses and the Krewe of Dolly, and purchased Saints season tickets in 2006; and

21           WHEREAS, above all else, Sharon was a connector of people, a generous and loyal  
22 friend, and the consummate host; she was happiest with a crowded table of family and  
23 friends in her home, where she often hosted dinners large and small; her generosity was not  
24 merely hospitality, but a generosity of the spirit; and

25           WHEREAS, Sharon leaves behind the legacy of her generosity of spirit that is felt  
26 across the country and the world; left to cherish her memory are her husband, Chris Allen,  
27 her parents, Jim and Diane Morgan, her siblings, Mark Courtney, Courtney Gregory and her  
28 husband Clay, her beloved nephews, Eli, Fen, Jax, and Clay, and a host of friends and  
29 colleagues who carry on her legacy.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Sharon  
3   Courtney; does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to her family and friends; and does  
4   hereby honor and celebrate her remarkable life and legacy.

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