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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON, ADAMS, ARMES, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROWN, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, DANAHAY, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GAINES, HAZEL, HENSGENS, HILL, HONORE, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, LEBAS, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PRICE, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THIBAUT, AND THIERRY AND SENATORS ALARIO, BROOME, CHABERT, CORTEZ, CROWE, DORSEY-COLOMB, GALLOT, MARTINY, MILLS, NEVERS, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, THOMPSON, WARD, AND WHITE

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Requests that the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center rename the center in honor of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis, former state representative, of Alexandria

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center to
3 rename the center in honor of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis, former state representative,
4 of Alexandria.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and record the many significant
6 accomplishments and contributions of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis of Alexandria; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Peabody High School in Alexandria, Mr. Curtis received
8 a bachelor of science degree from Grambling State University and a master of education
9 degree from Northwestern State University; and

10 WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army, Mr. Curtis served the school
11 system of Rapides Parish as a longtime teacher and coach and as a member and vice
12 president of the school board; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis served four highly effective terms as a member of the
14 Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and

1 productive legislator to serve his constituency in Rapides Parish and the citizens of the state
2 of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow
4 citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; and

5 WHEREAS, the first African American elected to the legislature from Alexandria
6 since Reconstruction, Mr. Curtis worked on and supported many important pieces of
7 legislation during his tenure in the Louisiana House of Representatives, including legislation
8 related to public education, retirement benefits for educators and police officers, and
9 boosting his district's economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis was one of Louisiana's finest sons, a man of wisdom who
11 used his wisdom and integrity to change Rapides Parish and the state for the better; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis recognized a need for better health care services in his
13 community, and with his determination and tireless efforts on its behalf, he was highly
14 instrumental in the establishment of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center; and

15 WHEREAS, there is strong community support for renaming the center in memory
16 of Mr. Curtis, demonstrating the indelible mark that he left on the minds and hearts of his
17 fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, renaming the Rapides Primary Health Care Center, an establishment
19 that brings deep pride to Mr. Curtis' beloved Rapides Parish, in recognition of such a
20 dedicated and productive servant of his community, state, and nation would be a fitting
21 tribute to this distinguished gentleman.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 urge and request the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center to rename
24 the center in honor of the late Israel "Bo" Curtis, former state representative, of Alexandria,
25 in recognition of the significant role he played in its establishment and his extraordinary
26 contributions to Rapides Parish.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to the chairman of the board of directors of the Rapides Primary Health Care Center.

DIGEST

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