



1           WHEREAS, the depth of contributions made by Dr. Spikes to Southern University  
2 Baton Rouge led to the naming of The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College in  
3 her honor; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Spikes served as president of the University of Maryland-Eastern  
5 Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland, from 1997-2001; current university president, Juliette  
6 B. Bell, credits Dr. Spikes with laying the groundwork for the school's evolution into the  
7 twenty-first century historically black institution it has become; and

8           WHEREAS, during Dr. Spikes' tenure as president of the University of Maryland-  
9 Eastern Shore, the Hytche Athletics Center and the Student Services Center were built; and

10           WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton named Dr. Spikes to his board of advisors on  
11 historically black colleges and universities in 1994; two years later, she was named vice  
12 chair of the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities; and

13           WHEREAS, Southern University System acting chancellor Flandus McClinton, Jr.,  
14 said upon learning of the death of Dr. Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes that she "was a  
15 shining star among the leaders of Southern University. She brought national acclaim to the  
16 university as she guided the Baton Rouge campus and the system through some of its most  
17 challenging times. She was beloved and respected by faculty, staff, students, and alumni  
18 during her tenure. She will be missed, but her legacy will live on. Southern University has  
19 truly lost a giant".

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
21 extend sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and former colleagues  
22 upon the passing of Dr. Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes; does hereby express deepest  
23 sympathies at the eternal departure of this trailblazer in higher education; and does hereby  
24 offer prayers and hopes for comfort to those who mourn her passing.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
26 to the family of Dr. Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the passing of Dr. Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes, SU System president emeritus.