

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ms. Irma Lloyd Brown on her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown was born on June 6, 1925, in Torvin, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish; and

WHEREAS, she received her education at Louisiana schools including Scott Street School, McKinley High School, Leland College, and Southern University; and

WHEREAS, she became an educator and teacher for thirty-two years at Dawson High School and St. Francisville High School where she taught English and coached girls basketball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is a woman of strong faith and has worshiped as a member of Donaldson Chapel Baptist Church for eighty years and served as the announcement clerk for seventy years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has lead a very proactive life and continues to participate in civic organizations while making a lasting impression on her community; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Leland College Alumni Association, a founding board member of Shiloh Baptist Church Credit Union, and one of the first African Americans to register to vote in East Baton Rouge Parish in 1944; and

WHEREAS, her parents never had the opportunity to exercise this fundamental right so after the Supreme Court declared that blacks shall have the right to register to vote, she along with a few of her friends, were among the first African Americans to register; and

WHEREAS, to this day, she has not missed one election since she obtained the right to vote and makes it her personal business to ensure that others around her exercise their right; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is full of spunk and still leads a very active life by working out three times a week, swimming, collecting clocks, and cooking three hot meals everyday; and

WHEREAS, she also enjoys traveling and always has a bag packed and ready to take the next trip; and

WHEREAS, the love of her life was the late Emile J. Brown and although she never biologically bore children she has been a surrogate mother to countless children who love her more than words can express.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Irma Lloyd Brown on her 90th birthday and on the many lives she has touched across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Irma Lloyd Brown.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE