

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Louisiana House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Roosevelt Pine.

WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives were saddened to learn that Dr. Roosevelt Pine departed from his Dallas, Texas, earthly dwelling on June 19, 2016, to take up residence in his new home in Glory with his parents, his wife and other relatives who preceded him, and with his heavenly Father; and

WHEREAS, born October 5, 1938, to Emily Smith and Roosevelt Pine, Sr., in Winnsboro, Roosevelt Pine grew up in the home of his grandmother, Emily Booker; and

WHEREAS, music captivated Roosevelt Pine at an early age; his musical roots were founded at Pleasant Star Baptist Church in Fort Necessity, Louisiana; from there his talents grew and spread to Pilgrim Baptist Church in his hometown of Winnsboro; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Franklin Parish Training School in 1957, Roosevelt Pine enrolled at Southern University where he received a bachelor of science degree in music education; while he was a student at Southern, Mr. Pine taught at the Louisiana State School for the Blind, was a piano teacher, played for his home churches in Winnsboro, and was a musician for Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church and Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Pine received master's degrees in vocal music and instrumental music from Northeast University; he also received an honorary doctorate degree from United Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pine married Elizabeth Stewart in 1961, and the couple was blessed with a daughter, Sansulan Katre Pine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pine taught music for twenty-four years at Richwood High School in Monroe; he also taught at Ouachita Junior High School and Jack Hayes Elementary School, where his choirs received superior ratings at yearly competitions; Dr. Pine retired from the Ouachita Parish school system in 1990; and

WHEREAS, after only one year of retirement, Dr. Pine accepted employment with the Monroe City school system in 1991 and worked at Jefferson Junior High School, Carroll Junior High School, and Carroll High School; his Carroll High School choir traveled to New York City, performed at historic Andrew Carnegie Hall, and gained national recognition and honors; Dr. Pine retired from the Monroe City school system in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pine served as minister of music at New Light Baptist Church in Monroe for fifty-one years and was also minister of music at New Macedonia Baptist Church in Gilbert for fifty-seven years; his cousin and mentor, Mordessa Corbin, supported Dr. Pine throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, the gospel selections "Thank You Jesus" and "Jesus Will Answer Prayer" are among the original compositions of Dr. Roosevelt Pine, whose unique personality and talent were shared in Louisiana and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sansulan; his grandchildren, Alessandro Reynaldo, and Alexis and her husband, Derek; his great-grandchildren, Reynaldo and Reyven; his brothers, Alford Cherry and his wife, Cathy, Robert Cherry, Jr., and his wife, Patricia, Robert "Pete" Smith, and Ernest Cherry and his wife, Faye; his sisters, Rowena Cherry, Margaret Cherry, and Senttenia Miller; and other family, friends, and church congregations with which he shared his talent; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roosevelt Pine will forever be remembered in the Monroe community for his musical contributions, for his role as a father-figure and mentor to his students, and for his admiration and reverence for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and all who knew and loved him may take solace in the knowledge that Saint Paul gives from the Bible in 2 Corinthians 5:8 that Dr. Pine is absent from the body and present with the Lord.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Roosevelt Pine upon his transition to eternal rest and does hereby offer prayers and hopes for comfort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Roosevelt Pine.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES