2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Joseph Stone

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Joseph "Joe"		
3	Stone of Baton Rouge.		
4	WHEREAS, Joseph Stone entered the world on May 12, 1935, in Baton Rouge, and		
5	departed for his eternal rest on February 4, 2017, at the age of eighty-one; and		
6	WHEREAS, the fourth child of Ada Nelson Stone and Robert Stone, Sr., Joe		
7	attended Zion City Elementary School, McKinley High School, and transferred to Southern		
8	University Laboratory School, where he played football; and		
9	WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Southern Lab, Mr. Stone answered the call		
10	to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Navy; he faithfully served his country for four years; and		
11	WHEREAS, in 1958, Joe returned from military service and married Mary Ann		
12	Thompson; he took night classes while he worked during the day, and he became a member		
13	of Local #1177 of the Laborers' International Union of North America; and		
14	WHEREAS, Joe Stone earned promotions to foreman and general laborer foreman,		
15	and achieved appointments to the positions of field agent and assistant business manager;		
16	in 1997, Mr. Stone participated in the Harvard University trade union program and from		
17	1985 to 1988, he served as a board member of Local #1177; and		
18	WHEREAS, in 1988, Joe Stone served as business manager and secretary treasurer		
19	of his union until he was named assistant secretary at the Louisiana Department of Labor in		
20	1992 by Governor Edwin Edwards; in his capacity as assistant secretary, Mr. Stone		

1	administered the Job Training Partnership Act Office of Labor, Apprenticeship, Hourly	
2	Wage Divisions, and the Community Service Block Grants program; and	
3	WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was an officer in the Louisiana and Greater Baton Rouge	
4	AFL-CIO and was president of the Louisiana Laborers' District Council; he was instrumental	
5	in the formation of the Louisiana Laborers' Training Fund and the Health & Welfare Fund,	
6	Baton Rouge Building and Trades, and the state and Baton Rouge chapters of the A. Philip	
7	Randolph Institute; and	
8	WHEREAS, Joe Stone was an ardent Southern University football fan and a member	
9	of the Southern University Quarterback Club; he earned the title of BBQ Master of the	
10	Louisiana Laborers' District Council family days and was considered an expert cook; and	
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Stone enjoyed relaxing with family, friends, and fellow members	
12	of the Matadors Social and Civic Club; he was a member of Jordan United Methodist	
13	Church in Baton Rouge; and	
14	WHEREAS, those who knew Joe Stone are saddened by his passing but will	
15	remember him as a distinguished labor and civic activist, a man of tremendous leadership,	
16	fairness, and integrity, and a champion in the arena of laborers' rights.	
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby	
18	express deepest sympathies and condolences to family and friends upon the death of Joseph	
19	Stone and does hereby offer sincerest hopes for comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.	
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted	
21	to the family of Joseph Stone.	

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