

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook was born in 1928 in Griffin, Georgia, to Reverend and
2 Mrs. M.E. Cook who instilled in Dr. Cook a passion for education that served as the
3 foundation for his deep love for teaching; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook received a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College in
5 1948, which he attended with his friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and earned a master's
6 degree and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University before serving in the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook began his career teaching at Southern University and taught
8 at Atlanta University, the University of Illinois, UCLA, and Duke University; at Duke, in
9 1966, he became the first African American to hold a tenured faculty appointment at a
10 predominately white southern college or university, leaving his mark as a mentor, friend,
11 role model, and leader on those he encountered; and

12 WHEREAS, evidencing his estimable impact on social justice and role as a public
13 servant throughout his career, Dr. Cook was appointed by President Carter to the National
14 Council on the Humanities and by President Clinton to the historic United States Holocaust
15 Memorial Council; Dr. Cook also served as the first black president of the Southern Political
16 Science Association, vice president of the American Political Science Association, president
17 of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc., and chair of the
18 Presidents of the United Negro College Fund; and

19 WHEREAS, to honor his legacy and continue his research on the social problems
20 associated with inequality and divisions by race and ethnicity, several universities have
21 named various institutions, professorships, and fellowships for Dr. Cook, including the Fine
22 Arts and Communications Center at Dillard University, the Center on Social Equity at Duke
23 University, and the Summer Academy at The Ohio State University; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook holds honorary degrees from Morehouse College, The Ohio
25 State University, Dillard University, Illinois College, Duke University, the University of
26 New Orleans, and Chicago Theological Seminary; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook was an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a member
28 of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, is a former ordained deacon at White Rock Baptist
29 Church in Durham, North Carolina, and was a longtime member of Ebenezer Baptist Church
30 in Atlanta; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Cook is survived by his wife, Sylvia F. Cook, his children, Samuel
2 DuBois Cook Jr., and Karen J. Cook, and grandchildren, Alexandra Renee Cook and Samuel
3 DuBois Cook, III; and

4 WHEREAS, his life's work demonstrates his commitment to "The divine search for
5 knowledge, truth and wisdom" which he affirmed "is by no means alien to the equally divine
6 quest for human decency, justice, compassion, love, peace, and the beloved community of
7 whole and creative persons".

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere sorrow at the loss of Dr. Samuel
10 DuBois Cook.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
12 of Louisiana does hereby extend posthumous tribute to the remarkable life of Dr. Samuel
13 DuBois Cook, for a distinctive career of excellence and his legacy of commendable service
14 in academics and the furtherance of social justice and equality.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
16 to the family of Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences on the death of Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook.