

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY AND PIERRE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Dr. Raphael Alvin Baranco

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. Raphael Alvin
3 Baranco, Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Dr. Raphael Alvin Baranco, Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Raphael Alvin Baranco, Sr. was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
7 and graduated from Southern University Laboratory School, where he joined the Reserve
8 Officer Training Corps program and later served in the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Baranco's journey towards academic success lead him to Xavier
10 University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana where he studied pre-medicine and
11 graduated in 1956; and

12 WHEREAS, he matriculated to Meharry Medical College, where he earned a Doctor
13 of Dental Surgery, was initiated into the Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,
14 and met the love of his life, Terry Bryant, who later became his devoted wife of fifty-seven
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Baranco began his dental practice in Lafayette, Louisiana as the first
17 African American dentist to serve the Acadiana Area; and

18 WHEREAS, his leadership and service to his community inspired him to engage in
19 elective politics where he was later elected and remained in office for over eighteen years;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, he became the first African American school board member elected to
2 serve Lafayette Parish Schools and was a champion of the fight for desegregation; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Baranco's civic engagement afforded him membership in several
4 professional and social societies, including, but not limited to, the National Dental
5 Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sigma Phi
6 Epsilon, the Lafayette Chapter of 100 Black Men, and Alpha Xi Boule' of Sigma Pi Phi
7 Fraternity; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Baranco remained active, interested, and engaged in his community
9 throughout his life, serving in a variety of leadership roles and earning numerous accolades
10 and honors throughout his lifetime; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Baranco remained true to his commitment to the community
12 through transparent government and education by mentoring and supporting several
13 generations of leaders and remaining a strong advocate for all children; and

14 WHEREAS, during his life, Dr. Raphael Baranco brought honor and distinction upon
15 himself, his family, his community, and his country.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Dr. Raphael Alvin Baranco, Sr.
18 and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his caring and loving spirit, distinguished
19 career of excellence, and unyielding advocacy efforts for justice and equality.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the family of Dr. Raphael Alvin Baranco, Sr. as a permanent expression of our admiration,
22 respect, and love for him and his irrefutable commitment to leadership, service, and equal
23 opportunity for all of humanity.

DIGEST

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