

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY AND PIERRE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE