

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pearl Payne upon the celebration of her one hundredth birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pearl Payne upon the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, membership in the centenarians club is extremely rare, and much honor
4 is due to those who reach this milestone; on July 12, 2018, Pearl Payne will join this
5 exclusive club; and

6 WHEREAS, Pearl has lived a life of distinguished service to her community in
7 Natchitoches Parish; her service began in 1935 when, at the tender age of seventeen, she
8 graduated from Natchitoches Parish Training School and launched an esteemed teaching
9 career that spanned thirty-seven years; during the course of her teaching career, she also
10 advanced her own education, ultimately earning a masters plus thirty; and

11 WHEREAS, Pearl Payne retired from Northwestern State University Laboratory
12 School in 1972 and began a second career in counseling and housing management; always
13 active in the Natchitoches community, she was an early force in the Natchitoches Parish
14 Voters League, as an advocate for voter registration, and a charter member of the Ladies
15 Auxiliary; in 2008 she was among the first group of retirees to be recognized by the city as
16 Natchitoches Treasures; and

17 WHEREAS, Pearl was married for fifty-nine years to Lutrill Payne, Sr., and the
18 couple was active in desegregation efforts, including legal proceedings to force the
19 admission of African Americans to the Louisiana State University Graduate School; and

20 WHEREAS, at the heart of her life of service to the community is her faith, which
21 has been nurtured by North Star Baptist Church in Powhatan for over eighty-four years; she

1 was the church clerk for over forty years, started the first youth choir, and is still a regular
2 presence on Sundays and serves as the unofficial church historian; in honor and recognition
3 of decades of distinguished service to the church and to educating children, North Star
4 Baptist Church established the Pearl Payne Scholarship Fund in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Pearl Payne on the momentous occasion
6 of her one hundredth birthday and to take this opportunity to thank her for her tireless efforts
7 to make the world a better place.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pearl Payne upon the occasion of her one
10 hundredth birthday; does hereby add its hearty congratulations to the celebration of a full and
11 rich life and offer its sincerest gratitude for her countless contributions to the community in
12 Natchitoches Parish and beyond; and does hereby wish her full measures of health and many
13 happy days ahead.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to Pearl Payne.

DIGEST

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