

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 267

BY SENATOR CARTER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Isaac G. Joseph.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Isaac G. Joseph.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 learned of the death of Isaac G. Joseph, on June 3, 2019, at the age of sixty-four; and

6 WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph was Jefferson Parish's first African-American school
7 superintendent, leading the state's largest school district from 2015 to 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Jefferson Parish Public School System he also
9 worked as a veteran educator, dean of student services, principal, assistant superintendent
10 of human resources, and executive director of grants and federal programs in which he was
11 responsible for overseeing twenty million dollars in federal grants; and

12 WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph successfully implemented a system policy that gave
13 principals choice in staff selection and developed a skilled workforce in the Jefferson Parish
14 Public School System; and

15 WHEREAS, he was often called a "gentle giant" because he stood over six feet tall
16 and had a magnetic personality that drew kids toward him; many others also consider him
17 a good role model for black educators; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2008, the National Council on Educating Black Children named

1 Isaac Joseph the Educator of the Year, in 1987 and 1989 he was chosen as the Waggaman
2 School Teacher of the Year, and he received the Martin Luther King Jr. plaque from the
3 MLK Task Force for his work sponsoring student activities in Jefferson Parish schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph held a master's degree +30 graduate hours, having
5 completed all coursework toward a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the
6 University of New Orleans, and from Southern University in Baton Rouge he earned a
7 Master of Education in guidance and counseling and a Bachelor of Science in health and
8 physical education; and

9 WHEREAS, Isaac Joseph is survived by his wife, Faith Joseph, three sons and two
10 daughters who will treasure his memories.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Isaac G. Joseph.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Isaac Joseph's wife, Faith Joseph.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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