

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life Development Center and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for remembering former state representative Pinkie C. Wilkerson on the twentieth anniversary of her death

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life Development Center and Delta Sigma Theta
3 Sorority, Inc., for remembering former state representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson
4 on the twentieth anniversary of her tragic death.

5 WHEREAS, Pinkie Wilkerson is remembered as a truly committed public servant
6 to the citizens of Bienville, Claiborne, Lincoln, and Union parishes; and

7 WHEREAS, Pinkie graduated from Grambling State University Lab High School,
8 and she earned a bachelor of arts degree from Grambling State University and a master of
9 arts degree from Ohio University; she was a member of Moot Court and Law Review at
10 Southern University Law Center; in May 1979, she received her juris doctorate degree,
11 finishing at the top of her graduating class; she also studied at Tulane University School of
12 Law and earned an L.L.M.; and

13 WHEREAS, Pinkie was admitted to the bar in both Louisiana and New York, and
14 she was also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United
15 States Tax Court; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to her election into the House of Representatives, she served as
17 assistant district attorney in the Third Judicial District for Lincoln and Union parishes and
18 as an assistant attorney general for the state of Louisiana; she also practiced computer law
19 with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith at the World Financial Center and was a tax
20 attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in Los Angeles; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkerson was also a very accomplished academic; she served as
2 an assistant professor of law at Southern University School of Law, an assistant professor
3 of American history at both Grambling State University and the University of Maryland, a
4 teacher of American history and American government in the Sacramento City Unified
5 School District, and an adjunct professor of business law at Louisiana Tech University and
6 Grambling State University; and

7 WHEREAS, she combined her passion for law with her commitment to women's
8 causes by serving as the president of the Ruston-Grambling League of Women Voters and
9 the Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Pinkie began her tenure as a state representative in 1992, and her
11 attentiveness to the will of her constituents merited her reelection to office two additional
12 times; during her service to the legislature, Representative Wilkerson seized every
13 opportunity to serve her district and the citizens of Louisiana in the most honorable and
14 effective manner; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Wilkerson served as vice chair of the House Committee
16 on Health and Welfare and on the House Judiciary and Civil Law and Procedure committees;
17 she also served on the House committees on Insurance, Ways and Means, Transportation,
18 Highways, and Public Works, and on the Joint Legislative Capital Outlay Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, as a state representative, she fully embraced every opportunity to
20 champion the rights of the citizens of Louisiana, and her efforts on behalf of the elderly,
21 foster children, abused and neglected children, and victims of domestic violence
22 demonstrated her fervent commitment to her ideals; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Wilkerson served with honor and distinction as the vice
24 chair of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus from 1998 until 2000, and she was an
25 active participant in projects that addressed the issues affecting the women of Louisiana; and

26 WHEREAS, on August 1, 2000, Representative Wilkerson was killed in a tragic car
27 accident in Bossier City; in honor of her relentless commitment to her work, Pinkie's law
28 office in Grambling, Louisiana, was made the headquarters of the Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life
29 Development Center, which also houses her sorority, the Grambling Alumnae Chapter of
30 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

1 WHEREAS, former state representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson will forever
2 remain a respected member of the Legislature of Louisiana, and she will always be
3 remembered for her relentless pursuit of adequate health care and civil rights for the women
4 of Louisiana, for her compassion, for her generosity, and for the fierce determination with
5 which she fought to realize her cause for the benefit of all Louisianians.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life Development
8 Center and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for remembering former state representative
9 Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson on the twentieth anniversary of her tragic death; does hereby
10 posthumously recognize former Representative Wilkerson for her years of dedicated service
11 to the state legislature; does hereby recognize Representative Wilkerson's excellence in
12 carrying out her duties as a state representative; and does hereby remember her contributions
13 to the people of Louisiana and her many achievements during her time with the legislature.

DIGEST

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