

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Rosalie Marguerite Lawrence Hébert, also known as "Mémère Rose", and "Rosie".

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of Rosalie Marguerite Hébert on June 16, 2020, at the Sanctuary Hospice; and

WHEREAS, Rosie was born in New Orleans' seventh ward in 1938, to Chester and Emma Antoinette Morris Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Rosie received her compulsory education at St. Raymond Catholic School in Paillet Land before unforeseen circumstances disrupted her educational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, during her youth, Rosie faithfully prayed the rosary weekly at the historic St. Ann Grotto in the heart of Tremé; and

WHEREAS, in the immortal words of Louis Armstrong, Rosie was united in Holy Matrimony to her "life's companion", Irving Hébert and to this union seven children were born: Irving Jr., Karen, Lionel, Wayne, William, Clyde, and Troy; and

WHEREAS, Rosie had many likes and talents; she enjoyed making filé gumbo and mirlitons for the family; she loved listening to jazz, Motown, and swing music; she loved fashion and designer catalogs; and

WHEREAS, after being a faithful wife and homemaker, Rosie stepped into the workforce, a passionate caregiver and nurturer for nearly forty years, devoting her services to Ochsner Foundation Hospital and private families in the New Orleans Garden District, finally retiring after her eighty-second birthday; and

WHEREAS, Rosie was blessed with many proud moments throughout her long life, however she was most proud of her grandchildren for pursuing careers as educators, lawyers, and medical doctors; and

WHEREAS, Rosie loved her family and friends unconditionally and was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, a caregiver and nurturer in the true sense of the words, a matriarch, a rock, a queen, and an eternal source of strength and resilience in the finest sense; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie Marguerite Hébert was preceded in death by her husband Irving Hébert and her sons Clyde and Troy, and is survived by her children Irving Jr., Karen, Lionel, Wayne, and William; a sister Yvonne Stewart; a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; extended family; and countless others who adopted her as their own "mémère"; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Rosalie Marguerite Hébert shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences to the family and friends of Rosalie Marguerite Hébert, and does hereby recognize that her life was well spent in service of her community, her family, and her God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Rosalie Marguerite Hébert.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE