

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Mary Eliza Alderson.

WHEREAS, Mary Eliza Wilson was born on May 12, 1920, in Lillie, Louisiana, the fourth child of fourteen born to David and Ella Wilson; she attended Fellowship School in Claiborne Parish and graduated from St. John Community High School in Homer, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Mary served her country as a U.S. Army nurse during World War II; she was a member of the Women's Army Corps and the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Mary returned to Lillie after her military service and married Harvey Alderson, and their union was blessed with eleven children; once her children reached adulthood, Mary began working as a seamstress at Junction City Garment Factory; she later found her calling as a social worker in Claiborne Parish where she helped countless families and touched many lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alderson accepted Christ at an early age; she was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served as the church's clerk and secretary for many years; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Ms. Alderson took up many different hobbies; she loved quilting with her sisters, Adele and Marie, and spent time fishing and making tea cakes, peanut brittle, and pear preserves; she also earned the distinction of being the oldest person working for the Louisiana voting commission; she even continued to drive until she was over one hundred years old; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alderson leaves to cherish her memory her children, Michael Alderson, Jackie Alderson, Dorothy Chark, Sallie Jones, Henry Alderson, and Elsie Rolfe; her sisters, Adele Wilson and Marie Tubbs; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, great-great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mary Eliza Alderson lived a truly fulfilling life; she will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Mary Eliza Alderson; does hereby recognize Ms. Alderson's incredible life as a witness to history; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort during this difficult time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Mary Eliza Alderson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES