

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR FIELDS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Sallie Gillespie Newman.

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman was born in Eola, Louisiana, on September 16, 1928, and was the first of seven children born to Joshua J. Gillespie Sr. and Ethel Lee; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman attended Rosenwald School in DeQuincy, Louisiana, and graduated from Holy Rosary Catholic School in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in July 1947, she married J. L. Cooks and to that union four children were born; and

WHEREAS, she continued her education at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she graduated with an education degree; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman eventually moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she met and married Jewel J. Newman in June 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman worked with her husband at the Esso (Exxon) service station which he owned; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman continued her career at the East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court and the East Baton Rouge Parish Tax Assessor's Office, from which she retired in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman's love and dedication to the Church and the community was reflected in the many capacities in which she served; and

WHEREAS, she was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Wilfred B. Ricard Court #116, the Meritorious Fourth Degree of Grace Constance Butler Chapter #9, Top Ladies of Distinction, a board member of Saint Vincent DePaul Society, and a former member of Southern University's Sixth Man Club; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman is survived by her children: Brenda Cooks, Linda (Johnny) Narcisse, Edwin (Jocelyn) Cooks, all of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Urlecia Cooks of Germantown, Maryland; siblings: Allen Gillespie Sr., of Petersburg, Virginia, Janie Bradley and Bettie Betts, both of Chicago, Illinois; sister-in-law, Sandra Gillespie, of Goodyear, Arizona; grandchildren: Stephen (Dr. Roquell) Narcisse, of Washington, D.C., Damien Narcisse, PhD, of Tyler, Texas, LaTari Cooks, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Bradley (Lauren) Narcisse, of New Orleans, Louisiana, Danielle Cooks, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Joshua Abban, of Germantown, Maryland; six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman is predeceased by her husband, Jewel J. Newman; parents, Joshua J. Gillespie Sr. and Ethel Lee; brothers, Joshua Gillespie Jr., and Francis Gillespie; sister, Velma Jenkins; and brother-in-law, Hansel Bradley Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Gillespie Newman lived a fulfilling and dedicated life and her passing leaves a void in the community where she will be truly missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the passing of Sallie Gillespie Newman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Edwin Cooks.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE