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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR JENKINS

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CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson upon her passing, and commends and celebrates her life and legacy, recognizing her outstanding contributions to her community, and her unwavering faith and service.

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	passing of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson and to commend and celebrate her life
4	and legacy, and recognize her outstanding contributions to her community and
5	unwavering faith and service.
6	WHEREAS, it is with deep respect and reverence that the Senate of the Legislature
7	of Louisiana pays tribute to the life and accomplishments of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson,
8	a radiant and beloved daughter of Louisiana, whose legacy of love, faith, service, and
9	leadership profoundly impacted all who had the privilege of knowing her; and
10	WHEREAS, born on May 23, 1976, in Columbus, Ohio, to Arthur Lee and
11	Burnadine Moss Anderson, Ayo's name, Ayodele, meaning "Joy Enters Our Home";
12	beautifully foretold her purpose-driven life, filled with boundless love and joy that she
13	selflessly shared with all those around her; and
14	WHEREAS, raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Ayo was baptized at Stoner Hill Baptist
15	Church and matured in faith at Mount Canaan Baptist Church, growing into a leader and
16	servant guided by spiritual conviction, compassion, and integrity; and
17	WHEREAS, Ayo's academic brilliance shone from an early age, attending South
18	Highlands Elementary Magnet School, Caddo Middle Magnet, and C.E. Byrd High School,

1	where she was a vocal advocate for equity and representation, inspiring others to rise into		
2	leadership and purpose; and		
3	WHEREAS, Ayo pursued higher education at Southern University and A&M		
4	College in Baton Rouge, graduating with honors from the Southern University Honors		
5	College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Media Studies; she		
6	later earned a Master's Degree from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications		
7	at Syracuse University; and		
8	WHEREAS, as a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,		
9	initiated into the Beta Psi Chapter in Spring 1996, Ayo embodied the sorority's principles		
10	of sisterhood, scholarship, and service throughout her life; and		
11	WHEREAS, Ayo's professional journey was marked by excellence and leadership,		
12	including her service at Southern University at Shreveport, corporate success at Verizon in		
13	New York City, where she received a National Award for Employee Innovation, and her		
14	mentorship of future healthcare professionals at LSU Health Shreveport's Area Health		
15	Education Center; and		
16	WHEREAS, her return to Shreveport marked a homecoming filled with purpose, as		
17	she cared for her beloved family and continued her civic and spiritual commitments through		
18	Concord Baptist Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, The Links, Inc., and Jack and Jill of		
19	America, Inc.; and		
20	WHEREAS, Ayo's entrepreneurial spirit flourished through the founding of Ayo's		
21	Exquisite Excursions and Events, further demonstrating her vision, creativity, and love of		
22	sharing life's joys with others; and		
23	WHEREAS, among all her many achievements, Ayo's most cherished role was that		
24	of mother to her beloved son, Ayden Akil Moss Anderson, with whom she shared a bond		
25	rooted in love, discovery, and unwavering devotion; and		
26	WHEREAS, Ayo departed this life on April 25, 2025, after a sudden illness, leaving		
27	a legacy of compassion, leadership, and grace that will endure through the lives of those she		
28	touched and the countless seeds of hope and light she planted; and		
29	WHEREAS, she is lovingly remembered and survived by her son, mother, brothers,		

extended family, godchild, sorority sisters, church, and civic communities, and a host of

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the extraordinary life of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson, does express profound sorrow upon her passing, and extends heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson as a lasting expression of the Senate's gratitude and respect.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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