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A RESOLUTION

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

1 devoted friends and admirers.

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 family of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson as a lasting expression of the Senate's gratitude
8 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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DIGEST
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Expresses condolences upon the passing of Ayodele "Ayo" Edith Anderson and commends
and celebrates her life and legacy, recognizing her outstanding contributions to her
community, and her unwavering faith and service.