

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses the condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Barbara Vastine Hughes.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 passing of Barbara Vastine Hughes, and to recognize her lifetime of services, faith,
4 and dedication to her family and community.

5 WHEREAS, the Senate of Louisiana joins with the family and friends of Barbara
6 Vastine Hughes in mourning her passing on January 11, 2026, and in recognizing a life
7 marked by kindness, integrity, and a deep personal commitment to serving others; and

8 WHEREAS, born on August 31, 1935, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Marvin and
9 Ethel Vastine, Barbara was raised with values that guided her lifelong dedication to family,
10 faith, and service; and

11 WHEREAS, she attended University High School and later Louisiana State
12 University, where she was an active campus leader, a member of Chi Omega, and was
13 honored as Freshman of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Louisiana State
15 University and applied her talents in budget and finance roles across a variety of industries,
16 including work with a historic sugar cane farm and the Louisiana State University
17 Agriculture Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Barbara met her husband, William J. Hughes Jr., on a blind date, and

