

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Barbara met her husband, William J. Hughes Jr., on a blind date, and their marriage in 1980 marked the beginning of a loving and enduring partnership; and

WHEREAS, her love of people, events, and history, together with her husband's love of aviation, shaped a life filled with shared adventures and extensive travel fostering lasting friendships both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Hughes Jr.; her parents, Marvin and Ethel Vastine; and her sister, Sandra Dennis and her husband, Jack; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her brother, Boone Vastine and his wife, Carolyn; her daughter, Cheryl Jones and her husband, Rowley, and their children, Shelby Neuman and her husband, Nick, and Grayson Jones; her son, Richard Wood and his wife, Dr. Rebecca Adcock; her stepdaughter, Nancy Readinger and her children, Alexa Alexander and Andrew Readinger; her stepson, Jeff Hughes and his wife, Tammy, and his children, Jessica Stewart and her husband, Chad, and Campbell Hughes and his wife, Amy Paige; as well as five great-granddaughters, a future great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Barbara leaves behind a legacy of service and will be remembered for her warmth, wit, and sincere interest in others, qualities that enriched the lives of all who knew her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the passing of Barbara Vastine Hughes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Barbara Vastine Hughes.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE