

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic passing of Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman was born on May 27, 1970, in Fridley, Minnesota, and graduated from Blaine High School in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman attended Boston University, where she majored in philosophy and political science and graduated in 1991; she earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and completed a master of public administration degree at the Harvard Kennedy School; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman served in several governmental roles prior to joining the Minnesota Legislature; she was a legislative staffer for U.S. Senators Al Gore and John Kerry; served as a law clerk to Judge John Sommerville in Hennepin County, Minnesota; served on the City Human Relations Commission in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; and served as an assistant county attorney in Hennepin County; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2004 and served Anoka and Hennepin Counties; as a legislator, she was active in the areas of transportation, K-12 education funding, higher education, energy, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman served as speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2019 until January 2025; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Hortman was married to the late Mark Hortman, and she was the mother of two children: Colin and Sophie; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Hortman was a consummate public servant and beloved member of her community; she will be deeply missed, but the legacy of her service to and compassion for the citizens of Minnesota shall live on in perpetuity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for her dedicated service to the state of Minnesota; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends, former colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES