

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 330

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Louise Cole for more than four decades of community service in Cameron Parish

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Louise Cole for more than four decades of community service in Cameron  
3 Parish.

4 WHEREAS, Louise Cole is a native of Alabama who moved to Cameron Parish in  
5 Southwest Louisiana, where she has made outstanding contributions to the Cameron and  
6 Lake Charles communities, the state of Louisiana, and the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is devoted to working for the betterment of her community;  
8 she has long been passionate about justice and equality and took particular interest in the  
9 work of the NAACP, one of the oldest nonviolent civil rights organizations in the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Cole took on the responsibility of establishing a branch of the  
11 NAACP in Cameron Parish; she successfully established the Cameron Parish Branch with  
12 the help of officers from the Louisiana State Conference and the Lake Charles Branch,  
13 including Ethel Floyd and Florce J. Floyd, Sr.; and

14 WHEREAS, on June 12, 1978, the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP received  
15 its charter from Emmitt Douglas, president of the Louisiana State Conference of Branches,  
16 and members of the NAACP National Board of Directors, and Ms. Cole was elected  
17 president of branch; and

18 WHEREAS, under Ms. Cole's leadership, the Cameron Parish Branch became deeply  
19 involved in social justice efforts within the parish; the branch conducted membership drives,  
20 voter education, registration, and get-out-the-vote drives; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Cole rallied people of all races and backgrounds and local marching  
2 bands, churches, and organizations to achieve social justice in Southwest Louisiana; she  
3 tirelessly and courageously lobbied local and state legislators to rename the Monkey Island  
4 Ferry after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and she initiated, coordinated, and implemented the  
5 Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade in Cameron Parish; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Cole served as a mentor, teacher, leader, and role model for the  
7 youth chapter of the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP; the branch also provided  
8 scholarships and educational assistance to local youth and supported the future leaders of the  
9 community; and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is a strong believer in the power and importance of united  
11 prayer and praise; in the early 1970s, she recognized the need to unite people of diverse  
12 racial, faith, and national backgrounds on the National Day of Prayer, and each year she  
13 brought together ministers of a diverse range of faiths and religious beliefs to join together  
14 in united prayer; and

15           WHEREAS, in her youth, Ms. Cole loved fashion and was a fashion model; she  
16 shared her love by establishing an annual style and fashion show, where young people  
17 compete in various categories and are recognized for their poise, style, and grace; and

18           WHEREAS, Ms. Cole and her son, Dr. Charles Cole, have traveled across the United  
19 States to attend numerous meetings, conventions, and gatherings, and they share a consistent  
20 message to love one another; and

21           WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has received numerous awards and honors for her outstanding  
22 service; the Cameron Parish Branch has been recognized as the Outstanding Branch of the  
23 Year, and she received the Champion of the Cause Award and numerous other honors; and

24           WHEREAS, Louise Cole has forged a legacy of service to civil rights efforts in  
25 Cameron Parish, and she is deserving of recognition for her exceptional contributions to the  
26 communities of Southwest Louisiana.

27           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louise Cole for more than four decades of  
29 community service in Cameron Parish and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she  
30 remain prosperous in all of her endeavors.

DIGEST

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