

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 381

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Julie Boston Lester

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Julie Boston
3 Lester and to recognize and honor her life, legacy, and extraordinary contributions
4 to music education, arts, culture, and community service throughout the state of
5 Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
7 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Julie Boston
8 Lester; and

9 WHEREAS, Julie W. Boston Lester was born on May 11, 1941, in Lillington, North
10 Carolina, to Lawton and Nannie Boston and was raised in a family grounded in faith,
11 education, and service; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester attended Fisk University, where she earned a bachelor of arts
13 degree in music, became a proud member of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, and was initiated into
14 the Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; she later earned a
15 master of music education degree from University of Louisiana at Monroe; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester devoted nearly four decades of distinguished service to the
17 students of the Caddo Parish Public Schools as a music educator, mentor, and advocate for
18 the arts, and she inspired generations of young people through excellence in music education
19 and cultural enrichment; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1985, Ms. Lester founded the New Dimensions Youth Chorale and
2 dedicated herself to preserving and promoting the rich traditions of spirituals, jazz, and
3 choral music throughout Northwest Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester faithfully served her church, community, and numerous civic
5 and cultural organizations with grace, humility, and unwavering dedication, including
6 sixty-five years of uninterrupted service as a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta
7 Sorority, Incorporated; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester departed this life on May 17, 2026, leaving behind a
9 remarkable legacy of scholarship, artistry, mentorship, faith, and service that enriched the
10 lives of countless students, families, educators, and citizens across Louisiana.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Julie
13 Boston Lester; does hereby recognize and honor her extraordinary life, enduring legacy, and
14 immeasurable contributions to the people of Louisiana; and does hereby extend deepest
15 sympathy to her family, friends, former students, and all who were blessed by her life and
16 service.

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