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BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMANN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, MYERS, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Martha Meaux Simmons

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2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Martha Ruth
3	Meaux Simmons.
4	WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5	Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on March 28,
6	2024, of Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons; and
7	WHEREAS, Martha was born on October 11, 1935, to Floyd and Ruth Meaux, and
8	she was raised in Lafayette, Louisiana; she graduated from the University of Southwestern
9	Louisiana with a degree in vocational home economics; she later received a master's degree
10	and many certifications in the assessment of visually and multiply impaired children; and
11	WHEREAS, after graduating, Martha became a special education teacher
12	specializing in the teaching and evaluation of the visually impaired; she taught at the
13	Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired for more than three decades and possessed a

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1 distinct ability to identify the unique needs of each child and provide them with the 2 necessary tools to succeed both personally and academically; and 3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was especially passionate about giving her visually 4 impaired students the opportunity to enjoy life experiences outside of the classroom; she 5 often brought her students on havrides and let them interact with horses and pick vegetables 6 at her home; and 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Simmons was an incredibly knowledgeable and highly respected 8 expert in her professional field, and she traveled around the world to speak at conferences 9 for the Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired; and 10 WHEREAS, Martha was married to the late Gerald A. Simmons for sixty-four years; 11 she was a loving wife and mother, and she truly cherished her grandchildren and great-12 grandchildren; she was also a regular attendee of daily mass at St. John Catholic Church in 13 Zachary, and she spent countless hour serving, mentoring, and giving her time and talents 14 to serve others in her community; and 15 WHEREAS, Martha Ruth Meaux Simmons leaves to cherish her truly beautiful 16 memory her children, Cinthia "Cindy" Mancuso, Christopher S. Simmons, and Carolyn S. 17 Suber; more than a dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Floyd, Brenda, 18 Stewart, Michael, and Judy; and a host of extended relatives and friends; she will be deeply 19 missed but certainly never forgotten. 20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Martha

DIGEST

Ruth Meaux Simmons and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and

loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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