

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Carole Glover, dedicated behavioral health advocacy leader, and recognize and record for posterity her outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions to her community and state.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the passing of Carole Glover on February 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, she was born on July 3, 1946, in Lafayette, Louisiana, the fourth child of seven, to Dr. Reverend Edward T. Ballard Sr. and District Missionary Celestine Ballard, both of whom preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, thanks to her parents' strong religious convictions, Carole was taught from early childhood Godly principles and to love and serve the Lord; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Paul Breaux High School and after graduation, attended Secretarial Trade School and later matriculated to include studies at the University of Southwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Carole moved to San Bernardino, California where she met and married William Jones and to this union one child was born, Williams Jones; and

WHEREAS, she later married Dwight Glover and to this union one daughter, Tamika Anthony, was born; and

WHEREAS, after the family's tour of military duty, they moved to Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Carole Glover realized that there was a need in the community for more accessible care for the mental health population, became very passionate about this need, and worked diligently to do something about it; and

WHEREAS, for many years, she served as president and CEO of Meaningful Minds

of Louisiana, an organization that advocates for individuals with mental illness, substance abuse, and addictive disorders and this state's leading mental health/ now behavioral health "peer run" advocacy organization; and

WHEREAS, Carole invested her many talents into broadening the scope of services for people in need and was relentless in her efforts to bring about a change to become the "Wellness, Resiliency and Recovery Model", receiving no monetary compensation yet volunteering daily and for years to make a difference, and well known as a tireless advocate for individuals with behavioral health needs, both in Louisiana and nationally; and

WHEREAS, she was tireless in her selfless contributions to persons with physical disabilities and persons with mental health needs, even as she endured multiple disabilities including depression, legal blindness, diabetes, and a heart related illness; and

WHEREAS, she was an advocate for voter rights for all citizens with disabilities; encouraged adults with disabilities to obtain a GED, empowered persons with disabilities to believe in recovery; and taught methods of self awareness and self help; and

WHEREAS, Carole Glover was a member of the Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, Voices, Habitat for Humanity in Lafayette, the Louisiana Mental Health Reform Coalition, the Louisiana Mental Health Planning Council, Region IV Office Mental Health Advisory Council, the Louisiana Medicare Purchase Plan Advisory Council which is now the Louisiana Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Advisory Council, the Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities, and the Steering Committee of the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumers/Survivors Organization; was involved with the Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health; was a regional co-leader of the RISE Coalition and member of the state organization; was president of the Mental Health America of Acadiana Chapter; and was instrumental in implementing the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and peer-to-peer services in communities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she received an Honorary Award from the Louisiana Department for Mental Health, was nominated as Lafayette's "Outstanding Individual with a Disability", and earlier this year, received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from The Extra Mile, Region IV in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, in spite of multiple disabilities, Carole Glover was a person who persevered in times of difficulty and discouragement and was an inspiring individual who tirelessly encouraged, supported, and advocated for people with mental health needs in her parish, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Dwight Glover; her children, Williams Jones (Rachael Brown) and Tamika Anthony (David Jr.); four sisters, Veatrice Jews (Jimmy), Gloria Jean Ballard, Wilma Rose Ballard, and Esther Wiltz (Joseph); two brothers: Edward T. Ballard Jr. and Abner Lawrence Ballard (Jerri); Sandra Milson who is loved as one of her sisters; two grandsons: Deandre Glover and Jayden Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, co-workers, and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Carole Glover, dedicated behavioral health advocacy leader, and does hereby recognize and record for posterity her outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions to her community and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dwight Glover, Williams Jones, and Tamika Anthony.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES