

RESOLUTION

for

Sarah M. Wilder, PhD, RD

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 KJV

We, the members of the *National Organization of Blacks in Nutrition and Dietetics (NOBIDAN)*, want the family to know that our hearts are with you as we gather to bid good-bye to a valiant woman of God, **Sarah M. Wilder, PhD, RD**, who was a very active member, and willing worker for Christ and the profession of nutrition and dietetics. Dr. Wilder was a highly distinguished inspirational legacy, true trail blazer and highly respected leader in the National Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for over sixty years. She was the founding member of the Academy's National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition (NOBIDAN) Member Interest Group and served as its Executive Director for 24 years.

WHEREAS, not only is this a loss of a devoted NOBIDAN member, but also a confident counselor and closest of friends. Dr. Wilder was always available to share an encouraging word and demonstrate strong support to others in need.

WHEREAS, not only is this a loss of a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, but also a wonderful mentor, role model, passionate visionary advocate, pioneer, nurturing consummate educator, encourager, motivator, confident counselor and true friend. She was always available to share an encouraging word, a warm smile, calming spirit, Christian humor and demonstrate strong support to others in need. Every human being must consider when this heaven and earth is gone so too will material things, but GOD remains FOREVER! GOD was, is and will ALWAYS be GOD!

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilder was also one of the organizers and charter members of the Dietetic Technicians in Practice DPG. She also served as a member of the Academy's Nominating Committee from 1998-2000 and held the position of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition DPG Research Chair from 1994-1996. She received the Medallion Award in 1988 for her leadership and devotion to serving others in nutrition and dietetics.

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved sister, one of the most influential African Americans in the field of nutrition and dietetics, is the will of God and it breaks our hearts to lose her; however, we know she is not alone. We are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you”*.

WHEREAS, Sara Wilder has been mercifully called from her earthly journey eating *‘fish and grits’* after touching many hearts, to a bright and better land in glory where the wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary be at rest.

And WHEREAS, Sara Wilder was a faithful servant *of God*, her strengths, compassionate pioneering spirits, legacy of diversity and inclusion, and steadfast dedicated determination in elevating the engagement of dietetic professionals of African descent to leadership roles in the Academy formed the solid foundation of the NOBIDAN that exists today. We all stand on her shoulders and other great leaders of this great organization, give us comfort in knowing that there is hope beyond the grave.

BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of *NOBIDAN* bow in humble submission to the will of God and offer our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family as we remember that God has promised us strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy and undying love. Don't spend too much time mourning, tears are for the sad; Dr. Sara Wilder went home to be with Jesus and this should make you glad.

Death Is Nothing At All

*Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.
All is well.
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!
In Jesus' name.*

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and that a copy will also be placed in our archives on until time should be no more.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of February 2021,

Denine Rogers, NOBIDAN President

And the entirety of the *National Organization of Blacks in Nutrition and Dietetics*