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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Armond John Lombas, Jr.

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Armond John
3	Lombas, Jr.
4	WHEREAS, Armond John Lombas, Jr., was born in New Orleans on May 26, 1940;
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6	WHEREAS, Armond Lombas, Jr., graduated from St. Aloysius High School in New
7	Orleans in 1958 and enlisted in the United States Army; in service to his country, Armond
8	Lombas, Jr., rose to the rank of sergeant; and
9	WHEREAS, the Lombas family lived in the Greater New Orleans area until they
10	were displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Armond Lombas, Jr., moved to
11	Shreveport; and
12	WHEREAS, upon his retirement from a robust career spanning three decades in
13	designing, installing, and servicing commercial kitchen suppression systems and portable
14	fire extinguishers, Armond Lombas, Jr., brought his vast experience to the Louisiana office
15	of state fire marshal in May 2006, where he served as an investigator in the licensing and
16	special services divisions until his death on April 23, 2016, at the age of seventy-five; and
17	WHEREAS, Armond Lombas, Jr., vigorously investigated complaints against
18	contractors within the life safety and property protection industries; he ensured that
19	contractors had the proper equipment and training to install systems designed to protect
20	Louisiana's citizens and visitors and commercial properties from loss; and

1 WHEREAS, Armond Lombas, Jr., used his knowledge, experience, and tenacity to 2 establish compliance with applicable laws affecting regulated companies and employees; and 3 WHEREAS, his dedication to duty quickly propelled Armond Lombas, Jr., to 4 become the foremost expert of the office of state fire marshal involving fire protection 5 systems; Mr. Lombas' expertise was in great demand for consultation and training, and he 6 taught the proper methods of system inspection, garnering him the respect of fire inspectors 7 and industry representatives across Louisiana; and 8 WHEREAS, in recognition of his invaluable experience, Armond Lombas, Jr., was 9 selected to serve on the prestigious committee for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection 10 of Commercial Cooking Operations of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 96); throughout his health battle with cancer, Mr. Lombas continued to share his expertise in the 12 formulation of national standards with which all commercial restaurant fire systems must 13 comply; and 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lombas's amazing work ethic and passion for protecting lives from the tragic consequences of fire were constantly displayed throughout his time in the office 16 of state fire marshal: he assisted in drafting the agency's administrative fire protection rules 17 and spoke at numerous public education events to hundreds of children and adults. 18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives 19 of the Louisiana State Legislature do hereby acknowledge, affirm, and express their deepest 20 appreciation for the professional and selfless service provided by Armond John Lombas, Jr., on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana and do hereby express sincere condolences upon the 22 death of this dedicated public servant. 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 24 to the family of Armond John Lombas, Jr.

## **DIGEST**

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