

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Ralph R. Miller, former state representative

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ralph R.
3 Miller, former state representative.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives were filled with
5 a great sense of loss and were saddened to learn that former state representative Ralph R.
6 Miller had passed from Earth to eternity on March 30, 2017, at the age of eighty-two; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was a model of true citizenship: he was an attorney, a civic
8 leader, a former state representative, and a lobbyist; born and raised in Norco, Louisiana, he
9 never strayed far from his hometown roots; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of Destrehan High School, Louisiana State University, and
11 LSU Law School, Ralph Miller was a dedicated public servant who served twenty-two years
12 in the Louisiana House of Representatives; he was appointed chairman of the House
13 Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and he also served as chairman of the
14 House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, Ralph Miller was one of a group of young legislators nicknamed the
16 "Young Turks" who, in the 1970s, achieved major reforms in the operation of the legislature;
17 the group is credited with having brought transparency and accountability to the legislative
18 process and pursued legislative independence from the gubernatorial and judicial branches
19 of state government; he also served as a member of the Council of the Louisiana State Law
20 Institute; and

1 WHEREAS, after blazing new trails in the Legislature of Louisiana, Mr. Miller
2 served as vice president of state governmental relations for Freeport McMoRan and held a
3 similar position with Crescent Technologies, where he worked until his death; Ralph Miller
4 was a lobbyist for twenty-five years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller served as a member of the board of the Louisiana
6 Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the Public Affairs Research Council, the New
7 Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the Bureau of Government Research, the World Trade
8 Center, the Council for a Better Louisiana, and the Louisiana Association of Business and
9 Industry; and

10 WHEREAS, his hometown always remained near and dear to Ralph Miller's heart,
11 and he was especially active in the civic affairs of Norco and St. Charles Parish; he received
12 several awards for his work in historic preservation, and he was a founding and lifelong
13 member and served as president of the River Road Historic Society; his lifelong passion was
14 the restoration of Destrehan Plantation; and

15 WHEREAS, the departure from this earthly realm of Ralph Miller deeply rends the
16 hearts of those who knew and loved him, but his memories will forever be cherished by his
17 beloved spouse of more than twenty-seven years, Sue Cutrer Miller; his children, Ross A.
18 Miller, Gregory A. Miller, who followed in his father's footsteps and was elected to the
19 office of state representative in 2011, and his wife Amy Pfrimmer, Maria C. Miller, and her
20 husband Michael Earle, and Maureen J. Miller; his brothers, Homer Miller, Jr., and his wife
21 Judy, D. James Miller, and his wife Sonia; his grandchildren, Candice Miller Catalano, and
22 her husband Anthony, Brooke Miller Bazile, and her husband Chase, Emma Miller Manson,
23 Kristin Rome Graebert, and her husband Eddie; his great-grandchildren; his father-in-law,
24 James H. Cutrer; and extended family, friends, and his Norco community; and

25 WHEREAS, the wonderful life of Ralph R. Miller will not be forgotten; family and
26 friends will fondly recall the hours Ralph spent on his favorite Florida beach balcony, where
27 he used loudspeakers to play John Philip Sousa marches and "National Anthems of the
28 World" to the delight or chagrin of those close by; his generosity, kindness, and humor, and
29 the hilarious stories of his nine lives, as well as his faithful friendship, will forever remain
30 in the minds of all who loved this exemplary citizen of Louisiana.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the
3 family and friends of Ralph R. Miller; does hereby record for posterity the impressive body
4 of work toward the good of his fellow citizens performed by this civic giant; and does hereby
5 offer best hopes and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn the loss of this fine
6 son of the Norco community and the state of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
8 to Sue Cutrer Miller.

DIGEST

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