

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ralph Miller was one of a group of young legislators nicknamed the "Young Turks" who, in the 1970s, achieved major reforms in the operation of the legislature; the group is credited with having brought transparency and accountability to the legislative

process and pursued legislative independence from the gubernatorial and judicial branches of state government; he also served as a member of the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the wonderful life of Ralph R. Miller will not be forgotten; family and friends will fondly recall the hours Ralph spent on his favorite Florida beach balcony, where he used loudspeakers to play John Philip Sousa marches and "National Anthems of the World" to the delight or chagrin of those close by; his generosity, kindness, and humor, and

the hilarious stories of his nine lives, as well as his faithful friendship, will forever remain in the minds of all who loved this exemplary citizen of Louisiana.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES