

1 nature charmed all who met him; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Badeaux served as a member and president of the Louisiana Port
3 Commission for sixteen years, as a member of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool for
4 fifteen years, as a board member and customer relations representative for the Louisiana
5 Municipal Association (LMA) in risk management for twenty-four years, and as a notary
6 public for over fifty years; and

7 WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux was born on September 8, 1931, to
8 parents Marecelin and Emily Badeaux in Grosse Tete and grew up on the property now
9 known as Angelloz Plantation; and

10 WHEREAS, his diligent work ethic began in his youth with selling newspapers,
11 earning enough money to purchase his first vehicle, a Ford Model-A truck; and he would
12 later have a successful career in sales and own two grocery stores; and

13 WHEREAS, Lawrence Badeaux served his country in the United States Navy during
14 the Korean Conflict and achieved the rank of Machinist's Mate Petty Officer, First Class; and

15 WHEREAS, as a man of unfaltering faith, he was a longtime member of St. Joseph
16 Catholic Church and was a Fourth Degree and Charter Grand Knight of J. D. Amedee
17 Council No. 12068 of the Knights of Columbus; and

18 WHEREAS, the love of his life was Thelma Becnel Badeaux, and they were married
19 sixty-three years at the time of his passing; together they celebrated a life of devotion to each
20 other; their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, eighteen grandchildren, and
21 eighteen great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Lawrence wrote his autobiography entitled, "Just Call Him Football",
23 a book that recalled the origin of his nickname; as a youngster of slight stature, his older
24 classmates took pleasure in tossing him in the air like a "football"; and

25 WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux was an extraordinary gentleman who
26 clearly demonstrated during his lifetime his dedication to his family, community, state, and
27 nation; and

28 WHEREAS, upon his death on March 24, 2017, the state of Louisiana lost a unique
29 individual who left an indelible mark upon his community and the lives of all those who
30 knew and loved him; and who unselfishly dedicated his life to public service and the

1 betterment of others.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
3 express sincere condolences upon the passing of Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux and does
4 hereby pay tribute to his remarkable legacy of public service.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
6 widow, Mrs. Thelma B. Badeaux.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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