

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
Reed Stephen Henderson.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, Reed Stephen Henderson, on Tuesday, September, 20, 2016, at the age of sixty-three; and

WHEREAS, Reed Stephen Henderson was widely respected, admired, and beloved as a political leader and entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was the son of the late Ashley and Kathleen Cantrell Henderson; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 until 2012, Mr. Henderson served as a dedicated member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his constituency in Orleans Parish and St. Bernard Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, commodity trader, and licensed stock broker, Representative Henderson served as a member of the Democratic Caucus, the Louisiana Rural Caucus, and the Orleans Delegation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; he served with great diligence as member of the House Committee on Commerce, the House Committee on

Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Retirement, and the Select Committee on Hurricane Recovery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson served as a St. Bernard Parish sheriff's deputy; he was also a highly successful entrepreneur and lobbyist for the St. Bernard Parish Port; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was a devoted lifetime parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Violet, Louisiana, where he served as lector and catechism teacher and was an honored member of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Hope Martin Henderson; children, Joshua Reed Henderson, Eric M. Henderson, and his wife Joelle, Zachary S. Henderson, and Heather Henderson DuBose, and her husband Daniel; sisters, Janice Doran and Ashlie Rodriguez, and her husband Roland; grandchildren, Elijah, Kate, Noah, Tristan, Lyla, Logan, Isabella, Zoe, Abigail, and Grant; niece, Ashley Doran Powell; nephews, John Doran, III, Ross Rodriguez, and Dane Rodriguez; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was preceded in death by his late wife, Deborah Desselle Henderson; parents, Ashley and Kathleen Cantrell Henderson; and nephew, Kurt Rodriguez; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Mr. Henderson remember him as an iconic politician, and a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend; and

WHEREAS, the death of Reed Stephen Henderson has left a great void and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and community so well and so passionately; and

WHEREAS, Reed Stephen Henderson leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative Reed Stephen Henderson; does hereby recognize that his legacy of dedicated public service shall forever endure; and does hereby record for posterity the abiding appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his extraordinary contributions and achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Reed Stephen Henderson.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE