

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, EMERSON, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THOMAS AND WHITE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Rose Landry Long.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 passing of Rose Landry Long, of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and to celebrate the
4 joyous life of a great lady who was fulfilled by her service to her God, her family,
5 and her community.

6 WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of
7 the passing of Mrs. Rose Long, wife of Senator Gerald Long, on Sunday, April 30, 2017,
8 after a lengthy battle with cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Rose Marie Landry was born on September 16, 1947, in Gueydan,
10 Louisiana, to parents Andy and Leontine Landry; and

11 WHEREAS, while attending Northwestern State University, Rose met the love of
12 her life, Gerald Long, and they were married in 1966; and

13 WHEREAS, Rose was the wife and helpmate of Senator Gerald Long, Senate
14 President Pro Tempore, and their life together was a blessed partnership, a grand adventure
15 that lasted fifty-one years; and

16 WHEREAS, as a devoted couple, they were forged in love for each other through the
17 bonds of family and friends and their shared love of Christ, and they served Him as faithful
18 members of First Baptist Church of Natchitoches; and

1 WHEREAS, Rose was never far from her husband's side; they sustained each other
2 through all the trials of public and private life, and their family of three children and ten
3 grandchildren was such a blessing; and

4 WHEREAS, during legislative sessions, Rose led a Bible study group, served as
5 president of the Legislative Spouses Auxiliary, and chairman of the Governor's Prayer
6 Breakfast Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, as a Christian of profound faith, Rose had a desire to help others; she
8 touched countless lives by sharing her wisdom, grace, and strength, and she strived
9 unselfishly to always better the circumstances of the less fortunate; and

10 WHEREAS, she was a bold advocate for issues affecting women and children; she
11 helped to organize crisis pregnancy centers in Ruston, Louisiana, and Rogers, Arkansas, and
12 established a third organization in Natchitoches, the Women's Resource Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Rose was a contributing member of the Louisiana Baptist Moral and
14 Social Concerns Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, the Longs mentored student-athletes and coaches through their
16 association with the sports ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

17 WHEREAS, Rose dedicated a portion of her time to the support of Louisiana Public
18 Broadcasting (LPB), served as chairman of its annual Louisiana Legends Gala, and was the
19 recipient of the Grassroots Advocacy Award in 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, Rose is also survived by daughter Andrea Phillips, her husband Gregg,
21 and their sons, Josh, Sam, Jacob, and Caleb; daughter Pam Jordan, her husband Wes, and
22 their sons, Drew, Will, and John; son Richard Long, his wife Sheralyn, and their children,
23 Nasby, Jude, and Ruby; along with extended family members and a myriad of close friends;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Rose Long has been taken from our midst, yet she will be remembered
26 for her loving demeanor, her smile, her kindness, her devotion to family, her joy of life, and
27 her steadfast dedication to Jesus Christ.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 express its sincerest condolences upon the passing of a great lady, Rose Landry Long.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 celebrate the life of this generous woman whose spirit was fulfilled by service to her God,
2 her family, and her community and does hereby note the remarkable legacy that shall live
3 on in the hearts of those inspired by her grace.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express
5 heartfelt condolences to our friend and colleague, the Honorable Gerald Long of the
6 Louisiana State Senate, on the loss of his wife.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 family of Mrs. Rose Long.

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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