

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 241

BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT, ABRAHAM, DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GUINN,
HENSGENS, AND HILL

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ethel Mae
3 LeBleu Precht of Bell City, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House were saddened to learn of the death on
5 June 6, 2017, of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht, at the age of seventy-nine; and

6 WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu was born on September 25, 1937, in Big Lake, to
7 Walter and Mary Granger LeBleu, and was raised in Sweet Lake; Ethel was a lifelong
8 resident of Cameron Parish; her sister, Betty LeBleu LaBove, and her parents preceded her
9 to eternity; and

10 WHEREAS, Ethel Mae graduated in 1955 from Grand Lake High School; she was
11 an avid bowler in her youth and bowled in a number of leagues; she enjoyed playing softball,
12 granny basketball, and racquetball, was a self-taught artist, and had a stand-in role in "Little
13 Chenier"; and

14 WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu married the love of her life, Charles Precht, Jr., a
15 fruitful union of sixty-one years that was blessed with two sons; and

16 WHEREAS, Ethel Precht was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, the
17 Order of the Eastern Star, Handel's Messiah Choir, and volunteered with the Council on
18 Aging; and

19 WHEREAS, a breast cancer survivor, Ethel Precht dedicated her name and time to
20 the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, which hosted an annual Walk for Hope;
21 the walk grew from a few hundred participants to nearly five thousand at its twelfth iteration,

1 held in October 2016, and proceeds from the walk were disbursed directly to breast cancer
2 patients in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes for their treatment; the quality of life of almost
3 seven hundred cancer survivors has been enriched through the charitable efforts of this
4 champion for a cure; and

5 WHEREAS, Ethel Precht founded Helping Others through Personal Experiences,
6 HOPE, an organization dedicated to helping abused women; she received Citizen of the Year
7 awards from the city of Lake Charles and the state of Louisiana; she also had the honor of
8 carrying the 1996 Olympic Torch; and

9 WHEREAS, Ethel Precht enjoyed traveling and spending time on the water; she
10 sailed on more than forty cruises; and

11 WHEREAS, the impact Ethel Precht made on the citizens of southwest Louisiana
12 during her life will be felt for many years to come; she was a model of the best of humanity;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles; her sons, Charles,
15 and his wife Donna, and Kelly, and his wife Corrie; her grandchildren, Kari Precht,
16 Kourtney, and her husband Bobby LaFargue, Ashton Precht, David Daigle, and his wife
17 Megan, Brian Daigle, and his wife Tori, Natalie, and her husband Corey Leger, Adam
18 Precht, and his wife Alicia, and Molly Precht; her great-grandchildren, Keighan, Blakely,
19 and Darby Precht, Brady LaFargue, Hunter, Easton, Grayson, and Luke Daigle, and August
20 and Maren Leger; and

21 WHEREAS, the open hands and heart of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht will truly be
22 missed by all who knew and loved this caring, extraordinary woman; with the passing of
23 Ethel Precht, Louisiana has lost one of her finest daughters.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest sympathies to the family and friends
26 of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht upon her passing; does hereby record for posterity the
27 outstanding accomplishments she made in advancing the cause of curing breast cancer and
28 offering assistance to abused women; and does hereby offer sincerest thoughts and prayers
29 for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to Charles Precht, Jr.

DIGEST

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