

2018 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to Her
3 Royal Highness Queen Margrethe II, the Danish Royal Family, and the people of
4 Denmark upon the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Henrik.

5 WHEREAS, Prince Henrik, husband to Her Royal Highness, possessed a warm and
6 generous spirit and was treasured by those whose lives he touched; and

7 WHEREAS, of French descent, Henri Marie Jean André de Laborde de Monpezat
8 was in the diplomatic service stationed in London at the French Foreign Ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Henri was smitten by Princess Margrethe who was
10 attending the London School of Economics; and

11 WHEREAS, after their marriage in 1967, Henri changed his name to the Danish
12 version, Henrik, and adopted Denmark as his mother country; and

13 WHEREAS, Prince Henrik defined his role in Denmark's constitutional monarchy,
14 first and foremost, as supporter and counselor to the Queen; and

15 WHEREAS, Prince Henrik possessed many talents and interests during his lifetime;
16 he was an aviator during the Algerian War; he was a poet with numerous published works
17 to his credit; he was an exceptional wine vintner on his French country estate, and he was
18 a classically-trained pianist; and

1 WHEREAS, surrounded by his wife and sons, Prince Henrik passed peacefully from
2 this life on February 13, 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by Queen Margrethe, their two sons, and extended family
4 that includes Crown Prince Frederik and his wife, Crown Princess Mary, and their four
5 children, Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, Prince Vincent, and Princess Josephine; and
6 Prince Joachim and his wife, Princess Marie, and their children, Prince Nikolai, Prince Felix,
7 Prince Henrik, and Princess Athena; and

8 WHEREAS, forever the poet, his sentiments for his wife rang true after one-half
9 century together; in 1967, during his wedding speech, Prince Henrik vowed, "I came from
10 a country of flowers into a blossoming garden of lilac, golden rain, elderflower, peonies, and
11 flowers in parks, fields, and forests; but Margrethe, however, was the garden's single most
12 beautiful adornment"; and

13 WHEREAS, after fifty years of matrimony Prince Henrik paid one last tribute to Her
14 Majesty Queen Margrethe and directed that bouquets of flowers and wreaths at his funeral
15 were to be arranged in a "garden setting" as one last gesture of his love and devotion; and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Henrik leaves a deep void in
17 the hearts of the Danish people; however, Denmark holds a steadfast place in world affairs
18 as a peaceful and proactive nation, in part, by the positive contributions made on its behalf
19 by Prince Henrik.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express sincere condolences to Her Royal Highness Queen Margrethe II and the
22 members of the Danish Royal Family upon the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henrik,
23 beloved husband and father.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 John F. Fay Jr., Consul to the Royal Danish Consulate, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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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