

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of George F. Ballard Jr.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of United States Marine Corps veteran, former Ragin' Cajun football player, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a man of faith and outstanding citizen of Baton Rouge, George F. Ballard Jr.

WHEREAS, a true Louisianian at heart, George Ballard was born in Longview, Texas to George Francis Ballard Sr. and Ruth Taylor Ballard on March 11, 1937; and

WHEREAS, George F. Ballard Jr. served with honor in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; he was proud of his service to his country and he provided a patriotic example for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Lafayette, Louisiana; and he graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1963, where he was a member of the Ragin' Cajun football team; and

WHEREAS, George Ballard went to work for Ernst and Young, certified public accounting firm, in 1963, working in both Louisiana and Texas, and he retired after thirty years of working as a CPA, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard continued his professional career by obtaining a master's

1 degree in finance from Louisiana State University in 1994; and

2 WHEREAS, while George Ballard had a very successful professional career, his
3 commitment to country, his community of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his faith and family
4 were paramount in his life; and

5 WHEREAS, George Ballard is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Keigh
6 Hidalgo Ballard, his three children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of
7 whom enjoyed the loving attention of their husband, father, grandfather and
8 great-grandfather; and

9 WHEREAS, early in his adult life, Mr. Ballard was recognized for his contribution
10 to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, both in Laredo, Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, upon settling permanently in Baton Rouge, George Ballard became
12 active in the local Rotary Club, where he served as district governor in 1986 through 1987;
13 the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, where he served on the board of directors; and the
14 Boy Scouts of America, where he was the recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope
15 awards, as well as being an Eagle Scout honoree; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard's involvement in the Baton Rouge nonprofit community
17 also included support for the Baton Rouge Symphony, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank,
18 the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation, the Capital Area United Way, and the
19 Louisiana State University E. J. Ourso College of Business Administration, where he served
20 on the dean's advisory board; and

21 WHEREAS, George Ballard also lent his time and talents as a member of the Krewe
22 of Louisiana from 1994 through 1997, as a fundraiser for the LSU Tiger Baseball team, the
23 Baton Rouge Better Business Bureau, the Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center, and the
24 Advanced Literacy Advocates; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was a person of faith, and his involvement as a member of
26 the First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge was another facet of this accomplished
27 and patriotic citizen, a man who will be missed by family, friends, and his broader
28 community.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 express sincere condolences upon the death of United States Marine Corps veteran, former

1 Ragin' Cajun football player, CPA, man of faith, and outstanding citizen of Baton Rouge,
2 George F. Ballard Jr.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Mr. Ballard's widow, Keigh Hidalgo Ballard.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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Claitor

Expresses condolences upon the death of longtime Baton Rouge resident and community
leader, George F. Ballard Jr.