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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Paul Marion Toce Sr.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	death of Paul Marion Toce Sr., a self-made man, who lived an extraordinary life,
4	achieving great success as founder and chief geologist for Toce Oil Co., now Toce
5	Energy.
6	WHEREAS, it is with a deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of
7	Louisiana and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Paul
8	Marion Toce Sr. on Monday, November 27, 2017, at the age of eighty-six; and
9	WHEREAS, Paul began as a football standout at the old Lafayette High, earning a
10	scholarship to play receiver on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) football team,
11	then known as South Louisiana Institute (SLI), sustaining a career-ending knee injury during
12	his freshman season, but he always cherished the university for honoring his four-year
13	scholarship, even when he was unable to play football; and
14	WHEREAS, Paul grew up poor, without a father, and would never have earned a
15	college degree in geology without the uncommon loyalty bestowed upon him by the
16	university, which he never forgot; and
17	WHEREAS, Paul joined the Air Force ROTC after his football injury, and quickly
18	became the commanding lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, it was then that he stumbled upon the greatest blessing he would ever receive, winning the hand of Patricia Lucille "Patty Lou" Robicheaux in marriage; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Paul fulfilled his commitment to his state, and his
country in the United States Air Force, serving in the European Theatre with Patty Lou by
his side; he was honorably discharged, having earned the rank of First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, once back from Europe, Paul earned his first job in the oilfield at Royal
Dutch Shell, and after working several years, he left Shell and founded Toce Oil Co. where
his knack for finding oil vaulted him into a lifestyle about which he could have only dreamed
of after growing up with no father and a working mother; and

WHEREAS, Paul was an exemplary and highly admired citizen of Louisiana who
 worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political, and religious causes throughout
 his life; and

WHEREAS, Paul was a loving and devoted husband to the love of his life for sixty-two glorious years, a dedicated father to his three sons, Dr. Paul M. Toce Jr., Victor Albert Toce, Andre' Francis Toce, and his "Baby Girl", Patty Lou Toce Marshall; a cherished grandfather of sixteen grandchildren; and five treasured great-grandchildren, earning him the beloved title of "Pop T", and he was a loving relative and friend whose love for his family and friends was of the utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, the Toce family was able to travel the world together from the dove
hunting fields of South America, the double black diamond ski slopes of Aspen, and back
bowls of Vail, to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, and Disney Resorts in
California and Florida, to countless days with the family water skiing and hang gliding at
False River, to the Vatican, ancient Roman ruins, China, and Pompeii, the family enjoyed
experiences beyond compare, which will be cherished in their memories forever; and

WHEREAS, Paul and Patty were also fortunate enough to watch all four of their children graduate from college (and able to pay for it all), with Paul Jr. becoming a local doctor, Victor becoming the geologist who would take over Paul's oil and gas exploration legacy, Andre' becoming a successful trial attorney, and Patty creating a career in the hospitality industry, currently holding a position on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus; and

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WHEREAS, Paul and Patty shared their many blessings generously with the
community, from founding a perpetual geology scholarship grant at ULL, helping to build
the St. Pius X Catholic Church and the Elementary School, and supporting orphaned children
in Uganda, Africa, to constant donations over the years supporting hundreds of charitable
causes for the less fortunate throughout Lafayette, Louisiana, and beyond; and
WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
the death of Paul Marion Toce Sr. has left a void in his community and his state; and has
created a genuine sense of profound sorrow for his family and friends and all who were
fortunate enough to have known him; and
WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
of men like Paul Marion Toce Sr. who use their considerable talents and resources to help
create a better place to live for future generations.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby recognize, acknowledge, and honor the life of Paul Marion Toce Sr., pay tribute
to his remarkable legacy, and extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Paul
Marion Toce Sr. on the occasion of his death.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
family of Paul Marion Toce Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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