

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUINN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former Judge Bernard Norman Marcantel.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of former Judge Bernard Norman Marcantel at the age of ninety-four; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Norman Marcantel was born on July 14, 1923, in Oberlin, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he graduated as his high school's valedictorian; in 1946, he received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he pursued his juris doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as associate editor of the law review from 1947 to 1948; he received a second juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School in 1950; and

WHEREAS, as a practicing attorney in the city of Jennings for sixty-eight years, Mr. Marcantel was an active member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Jefferson Davis Parish Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, he served the parishes of Jefferson Davis and Allen as the youngest district attorney in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he served Jefferson Davis Parish as district attorney for the 31st Judicial District from 1953 until 1978, and he served as judge for the city of Jennings and Ward II from 1985 until 1993; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel also served as judge pro tempore for the 14th, 15th, 31st, and 36th Judicial Districts of Louisiana and the Third Circuit Court of Appeal; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater of Operations; he also fought at the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel's civic accomplishments included being a member of the American Legion Post No. 19 in Jennings for seventy-one years; serving as president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association; and being a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel enjoyed spending time at his camp, Cardinal Cove; he had a passion for hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Emile and Florence Reed Marcantel; his wife, Martha deGravelles Marcantel; his second wife, Nancy Ellisor Marcantel; and his infant daughter, Kathryn; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Nancy Tabb Marcantel; his sons, David Emile Marcantel, Gregory Norman Marcantel, and Peter C. Marcantel; his grandchildren, Pierre Marcantel, Natalie Marcantel, Joel Marcantel, Andrew Marcantel, Anna Marcantel, Noel Marcantel, Chelsea Marcantel-Polaski, Sister Protectrice de la Foi, and Shannon Rougeau Greer; his step-grandson, Paul Rougeau; his great-grandchild, Tristan Greer; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Judge Bernard Norman Marcantel, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, and his death has left a great void and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including his family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Bernard Norman Marcantel; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and friends, his community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Bernard Norman Marcantel.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES