

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Charles Krauthammer.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Louisiana Legislature upon the death of Charles Krauthammer.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Charles Krauthammer on June 21, 2018, at the age of sixty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Charles Krauthammer was born on March 13, 1950, in New York City to Shulim and Thea Krauthammer; and

WHEREAS, his father was from Bolekhiv, Ukraine, and his mother was from Belgium; and

WHEREAS, when he was five years old, his mother, father, and older brother, Marcel, moved to Montreal; and

WHEREAS, during the school year they resided in Montreal but spent the summers in Long Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer and his brother were educated at a Hebrew school, and he attended McGill University in Montreal, graduating in 1970 with First Class Honors in both economics and political science; and

WHEREAS, at the time, McGill University was a hotbed of radical sentiment, something he says influenced his dislike of political extremism; and

1 WHEREAS, after graduating from McGill University, he studied as a
2 Commonwealth Scholar in politics at Balliol College, Oxford, before returning to the United
3 States to attend medical school at Harvard University; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer sustained injuries in a diving board accident during
5 his first year of medical school that left him paralyzed below the neck and required him to
6 be hospitalized for fourteen months; and

7 WHEREAS, he remained with his Harvard Medical School class during his
8 hospitalization, graduating in 1975, and from 1975 through 1978, he was a resident in
9 psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as chief resident his final year; and

10 WHEREAS, during his time as chief resident he noted a variant of manic depression,
11 bipolar disorder, that he identified and named "Secondary Mania"; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Krauthammer moved to Washington, DC, to direct
13 planning in psychiatric research under the Carter administration and began contributing
14 articles about politics to *The New Republic*; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1980, he served as a speech writer to Vice President Walter Mondale
16 and in January 1981, joined *The New Republic* as both a writer and editor; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1983, he began writing essays for *Time Magazine*, including one on
18 the Reagan Doctrine, which first brought him national acclaim as a writer; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Krauthammer was board certified in psychiatry by the
20 American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and his essays for *The New Republic* won the
21 "National Magazine Award for Essays and Criticism"; and

22 WHEREAS, the weekly column he began writing for *The Washington Post* in 1985
23 won him the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1987, and in 1990, he became a panelist for
24 the weekly Public Broadcasting System political roundtable *Inside Washington*, remaining
25 with the show until it ceased production in December 2013; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer's 2004 speech "Democratic Realism", which was
27 delivered to the American Enterprise Institute when he won the Irving Kristol Award, set out
28 a framework for tackling the post-911 world, focusing on the promotion of democracy in the
29 Middle East; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2013, he published *Things That Matter: Three Decades of Passions,*

1 *Pastimes and Politics*, which was an immediate bestseller, remaining on *The New York*
2 *Times* bestseller list for thirty-eight weeks and spending ten weeks in a row at number one;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013, Mr. Krauthammer received the William F.
5 Buckley Award for Media Excellence and was honored with additional awards including the
6 People for the American Way's First Amendment Award, the Champion/Tuck Award for
7 Economic Understanding, the first annual Bradley Prize, and the Eric Breindel Award for
8 Excellence in Opinion Journalism; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Chess Journalists of America and the Council
10 on Foreign Relations, was cofounder of Pro Musica Hebraica, a not-for-profit organization
11 devoted to presenting Jewish classical music, much of it lost or forgotten, in a concert hall
12 setting, and was fluent in French and Hebrew; and

13 WHEREAS, married since 1974, Mr. Krauthammer is survived by his loving wife,
14 Robyn Tretheway Krauthammer, and his son, Daniel; and

15 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Shulim and Thea
16 Krauthammer; and a brother, Marcel; and

17 WHEREAS, the success of the United States, the strength of its communities, and
18 the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of
19 people like Charles Krauthammer; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Krauthammer was a gentleman who was admired by all whose
21 lives he touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and is greatly missed.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles Krauthammer, records
24 for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extends enduring appreciation for the
25 tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the United States of America.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 family of Charles Krauthammer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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