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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Robert B.
3	"Bob" Anderson.
4	WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5	of the death on April 28, 2019, of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson, at the age of eighty-five; and
6	WHEREAS, born in Sebastopol, Mississippi, to R. A. and Elizabeth Black Anderson,
7	Bob graduated from Calhoun City High School in Calhoun City, Mississippi; and
8	WHEREAS, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Louisiana
9	State University; and
10	WHEREAS, he served two years in the U.S. Army, teaching English to Puerto Rican
11	recruits at Fort Buchanan; after being discharged, he moved to Monroe and began his
12	impressive journalistic career: he worked as a sports writer, and later, sports editor, at the
13	Monroe Morning World (now known as The News-Star); thereafter, while pursuing his
14	graduate degree, he was a reporter for the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate (now known as
15	The Advocate); and
16	WHEREAS, he returned to Monroe in 1961 to serve as sports information director
17	and assistant professor of journalism at Northeast Louisiana State College (now known as
18	the University of Louisiana at Monroe); he worked at the institution for thirty-three years
19	and earned the title "The Dean" by setting the standard in his profession and holding a
20	variety of positions, including news bureau director, advisor to the university newspaper and
21	yearbook, director of the letterman's club, and assistant athletics director; and

1	WHEREAS, when Bob retired from the school in 1994, he had served as sports
2	information director longer than anyone else in the same position at any Louisiana university
3	and served longer than any other member of the school's athletic staff; and
4	WHEREAS, in his retirement, he served as an aide to Congressman John Cooksey
5	for six years, including four years as press secretary; he also wrote and published <i>Indian</i>
6	Territory: The Story of ULM Athletics; and
7	WHEREAS, he eventually returned to the university's sports information staff and
8	served as a volunteer editor of the L Club newsletter; and
9	WHEREAS, Bob was the recipient of many awards and accolades: induction into the
10	Southland Conference Hall of Fame and University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) Hall of
11	Fame, being named Mr. Louisiana Basketball by the Louisiana Association of Basketball
12	Coaches, a Lifetime Achievement Award awarded by ULM's alumni association, and the
13	Mac Russo Award for Progress and Ideals and a Distinguished Service Award in Sports
14	Journalism from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA); and
15	WHEREAS, he was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of
16	America and LSWA; he served as vice president of the Monroe Downtown Optimist Club
17	and, later, as president of the Bayou DeSiard Optimist Club, which awarded him the
18	Optimist of the Year Award; Optimist International honored Bob with the Distinguished
19	President Award; and
20	WHEREAS, Bob served as a board member and Sunday School teacher at Memorial
21	United Methodist Church, and later, filled the same roles, in addition to chairman of the
22	Mission Committee and Methodist Menders member, at First United Methodist Church in
23	Monroe; and
24	WHEREAS, his love of sports reached a new level when his grandchildren became
25	active in athletics; attending or listening to the broadcast of every game he could, Bob often
26	submitted stories about their games to local newspapers, beating their own reporters to the
27	punch; and
28	WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson are his loving
29	wife of fifty-six years, Nike Poulos Anderson; sons, Nick, and his wife Cheree, and Tom,

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1 and his wife Natsuki; grandsons, Andrew and James; granddaughters, Kaili and Kina;

- 2 brother, Jim, and his wife Meg; and several cousins and nieces; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Robert B. "Bob" Anderson was beloved and respected by faculty, staff,
- 4 students, and alumni during his tenure; he will be missed, but his legacy will live on.
- 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences on the death of Robert B. "Bob"
- 7 Anderson; does hereby express deepest sympathies at the loss of this trailblazer in college
- 8 athletics; and does hereby offer prayers and hopes of comfort to those who mourn his
- 9 passing.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- family of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson.

DIGEST

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