

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY SENATOR JOHNS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Richard F. O'Brien.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the death of Richard F. O'Brien.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Richard F. O'Brien, who
6 passed away on May 27, 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard F. O'Brien was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 20,
8 1954, and was a native of Evergreen, Louisiana, where he grew up on a dairy farm; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Bunkie High School and Louisiana State University;
10 he was an avid LSU fan and loved history; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard F. O'Brien was active in the Louisiana Jaycees from the late
12 1970s through the 1980s, holding many local and statewide offices in the organization,
13 including executive assistant to State President Ronnie Johns in 1981-82; he was the
14 recipient of many local, state, and national awards for his work and contributions to the
15 Louisiana Jaycees and had a tremendous impact on this organization, which at that time had
16 over fourteen thousand members statewide; and

17 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1996, he became a junior commerce senator; and

18 WHEREAS, for the last fourteen years he was a tax preparer at H&R Block; and

1 WHEREAS, Richard F. O'Brien took great pride in his Irish roots and never failed
2 to make someone smile or laugh; he was an active member of the Baton Rouge Irish Club;
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4 WHEREAS, he loved to travel the world and was given the opportunity to travel as
5 a navigator for numerous oil companies for eighteen years; and

6 WHEREAS, he married the love of his life Katherine "Kay" E. Waltman O'Brien on
7 April 30, 1994, and their marriage and love produced identical twin daughters, Bonnie and
8 Kathleen O'Brien; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard F. O'Brien took great pride in his family and never failed to be
10 present for the important things in life; he loved his family deeply and was so proud of the
11 family he made; and

12 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, Miriam Frank Jordan O'Brien;
13 father, Charles Andrew O'Brien Jr; and step mother Vera Poole O'Brien; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard F. O'Brien is survived by his wife Kay; twin daughters Bonnie
15 and Kathleen; future sons-in-law Michael Grob and Seth Scioneaux; brothers Charles
16 "Andy", John (Sandy), and Billy (Suzie) O'Brien; sister Martha (Mike) LeBlanc; and
17 numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces,
18 great-nephews and step-siblings; and

19 WHEREAS, although the death of Richard F. O'Brien has left a tremendous void in
20 his community and state, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who
21 knew and loved him.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Richard F. O'Brien.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Kay O'Brien.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.
