

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 273

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Jean Marie Bourg Ellis.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana upon the passing of Jean Marie Bourg Ellis, an individual fulfilled by her  
4 service to her God, to her family, and to her community.

5 WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
6 has learned of the passing of a great lady and family matriarch, Jean Ellis, on June 1, 2019;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Jean Marie Bourg, a native of Baton Rouge, was the only child born to  
9 Emile Joseph Bourg Sr. and Mabel Elizabeth Thompson Bourg on July 19, 1928; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduation from St. Joseph's Academy, Jean was employed by the  
11 Louisiana AFL-CIO, where she was the special assistant to Kenneth Gordon Flory, and later  
12 to Victor V. Bussie; and

13 WHEREAS, a gentlewoman of abundant social grace, in September 1956, Jean  
14 married the love her life, Albert James Ellis, and their union was blessed with two sons,  
15 David Noel Ellis and Randall (Randy) Kevin Ellis, along with three grandchildren, and a  
16 host of extended family and close friends; and

17 WHEREAS, as a Christian of profound faith, she was a member of Most Blessed  
18 Sacrament Catholic Church; and

1           WHEREAS, Jean possessed a love for life, that *joie de vivre* that leads to adventure  
2 and travel; she enjoyed being anywhere near water whether it be the Gulf of Mexico or on  
3 a river; she also enjoyed fishing, reading, and working crossword puzzles; and

4           WHEREAS, Jean was also a founding member of The Card Club, a social group of  
5 ladies who have played together for over fifty years; and

6           WHEREAS, Jean had a special compassion for her pets; they were all so precious  
7 to her; and

8           WHEREAS, Jean was a devoted mother and aunt to numerous generations of nieces  
9 and nephews, and her love of family and friends was of the utmost importance in her life;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly for the benefit of others, and devoted her life to  
12 unselfish service to God, a true steward of Christian faith and fellowship; and

13           WHEREAS, Jean epitomized the strength of southern womanhood; she was a "Steel  
14 Magnolia" who fulfilled a personal commitment to live life to its fullest and pledged a sacred  
15 trust to give back to others more than she received; and

16           WHEREAS, Jean Marie Ellis will be remembered for her devotion to family, her  
17 friendly demeanor, her smile, and her kindness.

18           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jean Ellis  
20 upon her passing.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
22 hereby pay tribute to the remarkable legacy of Jean Ellis that shall live long in the hearts of  
23 those who were touched with her grace.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 family of Jean Ellis.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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