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2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR REESE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Larry Goins.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	death of Larry Olen Goins.
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 Larry Olen Goins, age
6	eighty-three, of Leesville, Louisiana, on March 27, 2020; and
7	WHEREAS, the eldest son of Milton and Elsie Lowery Goins, Larry was a lifelong
8	resident of Leesville; and
9	WHEREAS, growing up he had many adventures with his brothers, Don and James,
10	held many jobs including working at the family business, 171 City Services Gas Station,
11	mowing lawns for many neighbors, and spending many hours with his friends in the Cub
12	Scouts and Boy Scouts; and
13	WHEREAS, Larry was a proud Wampus Cat, a 1954 graduate of Leesville High
14	School (LHS), and an all-district member of the basketball and track teams; and
15	WHEREAS, he was always supporting LHS, an organizer of the Wampus Cat Club
16	of which he served as president; a Century Club member of the LHS alumni association of
17	which he served as president for two terms and was selected as Alumnus of the Year;
18	helping to organize the LHS Band Parents Association of which he served as president for

1	two terms; he worked tirelessly to raise funds for these organizations; and for over fifty
2	years, he had his seats in Wampus Cat Stadium on the fifty yard line and could be "heard"
3	on Friday nights cheering on the Wampus Cats; and
4	WHEREAS, Larry attended Centenary College where he was a member of the
5	Centenary College Choir and later served in the National Guard; and
6	WHEREAS, he was employed by the United States Postal Service for forty years
7	which assigned him to Lufkin, Texas, where he met his love of fifty-nine years, Velma
8	Baker Goins; and
9	WHEREAS, everyone who knew him knows that he was at the window of the post
10	office and greeted everyone with a smile, and he always had a joke or a story for them; and
11	WHEREAS, over the years, Larry was involved in many other organizations
12	including being a fifty-year member and past Master of the Leesville Masonic Lodge #240,
13	Shriner's, Boy Scout Leader, and Little League baseball coach; and
14	WHEREAS, he loved God, his family, and his church; he was a longtime member
15	of East Leesville Baptist Church where he served as music director for seventeen years
16	during which time, the ELBC Choir would join with the Centenary College Choir in
17	performing at the Hodges Gardens Easter Sunrise Service; and
18	WHEREAS, after his retirement, Larry spent countless hours with the "ROMEOS"
19	eating breakfast at various restaurants around town as he enjoyed telling tales of Leesville
20	history with his friends; and
21	WHEREAS, he was very proud of his family and enjoyed spending time with them;
22	as a dad, he was always involved in projects for his children; as a pawpaw, he couldn't have
23	been prouder as he loved cheering on his grandsons in any endeavor from tee-ball to varsity
24	football or baseball to theatre or academics and was their biggest fan; and he loved his
25	granddaughters and enjoyed all of the time he got to spend with them; and
26	WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Elsie Goins, and
27	his brother, Don Goins; and
28	WHEREAS, Larry is survived by his wife, Velma Baker Goins; daughter, Renita
29	Goins Page (Paul); sons, John Milton Goins and Kenneth Olen Goins (Trisha);
30	grandchildren, Justin Casey Goins, Clinton Matthew Goins (Allie), Matthew Thomas Davis

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(Laura), Ashley Patricia Goins and Addison Mackenzie Goins; brother, James Goins (Jean); 1 2 sister-in-law, Sarah Goins, and a host of nieces and nephews; and 3 WHEREAS, Larry was respected and loved; upon his death, the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark and huge void for family, friends, community, and all 4 those who had the privilege to have known him; and 5 6 WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American 7 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Larry Olen Goins;. who 8 use their talents and resources to leave a legacy and benefit future generations. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge the remarkable life and accomplishments of Larry Olen Goins and 10 11 extends sincere condolences to his family upon the occasion of his death. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 12 13 Velma Baker Goins. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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