

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death, on Thursday, February 27, 2020, of Steven Lewis Schoonover.

WHEREAS, Steven Schoonover was born on August 14, 1945, in Akron, Ohio, the first of three children born to the union of Harold and Julia Schoonover; he was raised in Akron and attended Buchtel High School; he graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, in 1967 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in organizational communication; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Steven enlisted in the United States Army reserves and was sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana, then Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, for basic training as a SP4 Medical Corpsman; in 1972, Steven earned his juris doctorate from Creighton University and was subsequently commissioned as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Staff of the U.S. Army Reserves; he was recognized as the Outstanding Citizen Soldier by the Aksarben Organization of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, after fulfilling his commitment to the U.S. Army reserves, Steven Schoonover began a career at Owens-Illinois in Toledo, Ohio; in 1982, he helped form Fibrebond Corporation, and in 1987, he was named the company's president and CEO; additionally, he served as the president and CEO of Blue Ridge Cellular, a subsidiary of Fibrebond located in Christiansburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Steven founded Cellxion LLC, a corporation that became the world's largest producer of radio-integrated shelters for the wireless telecommunications industry; in 2001, he founded Schoonover Investments LP, which is located in Shreveport, Louisiana; Steven also served as director for Contango Oil & Gas in Houston and Sabre Industries among many other corporate ventures; and

WHEREAS, Steven thoroughly enjoyed giving speeches and even had the honor of introducing former first lady Barbara Bush; he was a member of Shreveport's exclusive Committee of 100, Friends of the Strand, the Shreveport Symphony, and the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians; he also served as a trustee of the Ohio University Foundation, with which he holds one of the longest tenures of trusteeship at sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Steven has earned numerous awards, including being twice named Entrepreneur of the Year by USA Today, Ernst & Young, NASDAQ, CNN, Inc., and Merrill Lynch for his work at two different companies; and

WHEREAS, Steven leaves to cherish his memory his wife and best friend, Pamela Renee Wood Schoonover; her son, Brandon Wood, and his wife Sarah; her daughter, Kaci Wood Sykora, and her husband Matthew; his children, Kristen Schoonover Eler, and her husband Jeff; Michelle Schoonover Payne, and her husband Brian; Brett Schoonover, and his wife Anne Marie; and David Schoonover, and his wife Courtney; grandchildren; siblings; and a host of other relatives; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Schoonover was a remarkable businessman whose accomplishments reflect admirably on both himself and the state of Louisiana; he will be deeply missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest condolences to the family of Steven Lewis Schoonover upon his death; does hereby recognize his outstanding accomplishments as a businessman; and does hereby extend hopes and wishes that his family and friends find comfort during this time of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Steven L. Schoonover.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES