

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Jerome Fred Scott, longtime mayor of the town of Pollock, Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Jerome Fred  
3 Scott, longtime mayor of the town of Pollock, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Jerome Fred Scott was born on November 28, 1955, at James Connolly  
5 Air Force Base in Waco, Texas, the first-born son of Julius Fred and Else Eula Warnock  
6 Scott; Mr. Scott graduated from Duncanville High School, in Duncanville, Texas, in 1973  
7 and, afterwards, earned his bachelor of science, master of science, and education specialist  
8 degrees from Baylor University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott married the love of his life, the former Patricia Ann Roshto,  
10 on June 24, 1983; he and Patricia were deeply committed to one another and spent their  
11 thirty-four years of marriage traveling around the world, enjoying the arts, researching their  
12 genealogy and history, collecting art work and historical artifacts, and entertaining family  
13 and friends; they truly enjoyed their lives together as best friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott devoted thirty years of his life to the education of children,  
15 serving as a teacher, educational diagnostician, Section 504 coordinator, and school  
16 administrator throughout his professional career; his service was not without recognition as  
17 he was the recipient of numerous awards throughout his career; in 1981, he was honored as  
18 the Waco Independent School District's Special Education Teacher of the Year; in 1996, he  
19 was named Louisiana's Educational Diagnostician of the Year; and in 2004, he was  
20 recognized as the Educator of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Corrections Office  
21 of Youth Development; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Scott's interests and civic involvement knew no boundaries; in  
2 1995, he graduated from the Missouri Auction School, which paved the way for him to own  
3 and operate Scott Auctions; while maintaining his business, he also gave back to his  
4 community by serving as the licensed auctioneer at community, church, and civic charity  
5 auctions in and around the town of Pollock; he helped found the Society for the History,  
6 Arts, Preservation, and Education of Pollock and was also a charter member of both Prince  
7 of Peace Lutheran Church in Pineville, Louisiana, and the Kiwanis Club of Grant Parish; he  
8 also served on numerous boards of numerous associations in Grant Parish, including the  
9 Grant Parish Historic and Cultural District, the Grant Parish Schools Health Advisory Board,  
10 and the Louisiana Special Olympics; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Scott began his local political career as a member of the Pollock  
12 Town Council; after serving for many years as a councilman, he ran for mayor and was  
13 elected after receiving the overwhelming majority of the town's votes; Mayor Scott would  
14 go on to serve five consecutive terms, making him the longest serving mayor in Pollock's  
15 history; he was known for his love of Pollock's community-family, and he was beloved for  
16 his beautification efforts, his work to research and preserve Pollock's history, his ability to  
17 secure grant funding for the town, and his incredible generosity behind-the-scenes; and

18           WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments as mayor of Pollock, he spearheaded  
19 measures to bring business development to Pollock's industrial park, proudly oversaw  
20 community development that brought many town and park facilities, and helped Pollock  
21 eliminate its debt with policies aimed at making the town more fiscally sound; Mayor Scott  
22 even used his own personal wealth to help with the completion of beautification projects  
23 while guiding the town out of debt; these and countless other achievements did not go  
24 without notice, and Mayor Scott was awarded the Grant Parish Local Hero Award in 2001,  
25 the Knights of Columbus Central Louisiana Civic Leader of the Year Award in 2006, and  
26 the Central Louisiana Hometown Hero Award in 2019; and

27           WHEREAS, Mayor Scott leaves to cherish his memory his mother and father, his  
28 brother, Stephen E. Scott, Sr., and a host of other family and friends; he will be deeply  
29 missed and remembered forever.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jerome  
3 Fred Scott, longtime mayor of the town of Pollock, Louisiana; does hereby posthumously  
4 recognize Mayor Scott for his countless acts of service to Grant Parish and the town of  
5 Pollock; does hereby thank Mayor Scott for being a consummate civil leader; and does  
6 hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family and the town of Pollock find comfort  
7 during this difficult time.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
9 family of Mayor Jerome Fred Scott and to the town of Pollock.

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DIGEST

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