

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES