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2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	death of Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a great gentleman and family
6	patriarch, Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy, on January 13, 2021, at the age of eighty-three; and
7	WHEREAS, Aaron Roy was born on April 16, 1937, in Opelousas, Louisiana, to
8	Abner Roy Jr. and Edith Wyble Roy; and
9	WHEREAS, he graduated from the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in
10	Opelousas and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Roy received his medical degree from the LSU School of Medicine
12	in New Orleans, worked as a general practitioner from 1965 to 1972, and served as the
13	coroner in Buras, Louisiana; and
14	WHEREAS, after completing an Ear, Nose, and Throat residency at the University
15	of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, he practiced medicine in Baton
16	Rouge for twenty-three years before retiring in 2000, and was a Fellow of the American
17	College of Surgeons; and
18	WHEREAS, Aaron met Linda Colligan, his future wife and the love of his life, in

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1	1959 on a blind date; and
2	WHEREAS, Aaron and Linda were married and shared their life together for sixty
3	years, spending significant time in Cashiers, North Carolina, since the 1990s, where they
4	were active members of the vibrant mountain community; and
5	WHEREAS, in 2018 Aaron and Linda moved to St. James Place in Baton Rouge to
6	take advantage of a relaxed lifestyle and community-based living; and
7	WHEREAS, even after retirement, Dr. Roy remained involved in medicine and the
8	medical community, attending weekly cancer conferences with other dedicated colleagues;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, he was a brilliant physician with a warm and wonderful bedside manner
11	who always made his patients feel like family and who remained kind and easygoing even
12	when a case was difficult; and
13	WHEREAS, Dr. Roy was active in the community and worked tirelessly for the
14	benefit of others; and
15	WHEREAS, he was an avid traveler, reader, gardener, and cook among his many
16	interests and activities; and
17	WHEREAS, Dr. Roy was beloved by family, friends, and colleagues, and had a kind
18	heart, a gentle demeanor, and a quiet authority that earned respect without commanding it;
19	and
20	WHEREAS, he was a gentle and loving person, who was devoted to his family and
21	who showed them the world and loved them selflessly; and
22	WHEREAS, Aaron Roy was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, and
23	friend who is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Linda Colligan Roy; sister, Verna
24	Roy Ohlmeyer; brother, Charles Roy (Delores); devoted children, Stephanie Roy, Bret Roy
25	(Wendy), Allison Sanchez (Blanchard Jr.), and Doug Roy; and grandchildren, Kelsey
26	Sanchez Gleaton (Sam), Blanchard Sanchez III, Steven Sanchez, Camille Roy, Anna Roy,
27	and Jude Roy; and
28	WHEREAS, the memory of Aaron Roy will always remain in the hearts of his family
29	and friends, who will forever reap the benefits of his lifetime of achievement; and
30	WHEREAS, those who knew and loved him will continue to swell with pride when

1	they remember Aaron Roy as a positive force in his community; and
2	WHEREAS, Aaron Roy represented all that is good about Louisiana as a man with
3	unique gifts and a charitable spirit, and with his passing, Louisiana has lost one of its finest
4	citizens, who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many individuals whom he touched
5	with his truly inspiring qualities and generosity, and who is now terribly missed but will
6	never be forgotten.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8	does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Joseph Aaron
9	Roy upon the occasion of his death.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
11	hereby express its appreciation for Aaron Roy's enduring contributions, which shall long
12	continue to be a source of deep honor for the city of Baton Rouge, the state of Louisiana and
13	beyond, and does hereby pay tribute to his remarkable legacy, which shall live long in the
14	hearts of those who were touched by his humanity.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
16	Linda Colligan Roy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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