

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

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CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lloyd Price, Rhythm and Blues artist.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Lloyd Price, American Rhythm and Blues artist.

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 passing of Lloyd Price on
6 May 3, 2021, at the age of eighty-eight; and

7 WHEREAS, Lloyd Price, while a resident of Westchester County, New York, was
8 born on March 9, 1933, and raised in Kenner, Louisiana; his mother, Beatrice Price, owned
9 the Fish 'n' Fry Restaurant where he picked up lifelong interests in business and food from
10 her; and

11 WHEREAS, he received formal training on the trumpet and piano, sang in his
12 church's gospel choir, and was a member of a combo in high school; and

13 WHEREAS, Lloyd Price helped draw national attention to New Orleans' unique and
14 burgeoning Rhythm and Blues (R&B) sound when he recorded his first No. 1 R&B 1952 hit
15 "Lawdy Miss Clawdy"; and

16 WHEREAS, he followed up with singles such as "Oooh-Oooh-Oooh", "Ain't It a
17 Shame", and "Tell Me Pretty Baby", which reached Top 10 R&B between 1952-53; and

18 WHEREAS, due to a stint in the United States Army in Korea, Lloyd Price didn't

1 return to the charts until 1957 with the release of "*Just Because*" which reached Number
2 three in R&B and became his first pop crossover at no. 29; this was the first release through
3 Price's own KRC Records; and

4 WHEREAS, with distribution through ABC Records, KRC issued several more Price
5 classics: 1958's million-selling no. 1 R&B/pop smash "*Stagger Lee*", the 1959
6 million-selling no. 2 pop crossover "*Personality*" (which earned him the nickname "Mr.
7 Personality"), and that same year's top three pop/R&B hit, "*I'm Gonna Get Married*", and
8 between 1959 and 1969, "*Three Little Pigs*", "*Come Into My Heart*", "*Lady Luck*",
9 "*Question*", "*Misty*", and "*Bad Conditions*"; and

10 WHEREAS, Lloyd Price toured Europe in 1993 with Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard,
11 and Gary U.S. Bonds, performed with soul legends Jerry Butler, Gene Chandler, and Ben
12 E. King on the "Four Kings of Rhythm and Blues" tour in 2005, and continued to sing until
13 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, as a singer-songwriter, he launched several labels after KRC, including
15 Double L Records, LPG Records (with boxing promoter Don King), and Turntable; he
16 opened a club in New York City named Turntable and delved into several other business
17 ventures, including construction, building affordable housing in New York, a line of
18 Southern-style food products, and promoting boxing matches with Don King, including
19 1974's historic "Rumble in the Jungle" between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman in
20 Kinshasa, Zaire, as well as that bout's preceding Zaire 74 music festival featuring Bill
21 Withers, James Brown, B.B. King, The Spinners, and Miriam Makeba; and

22 WHEREAS, Price was given the Pioneer Award by the Rhythm and Blues
23 Foundation in 1994, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998, received an
24 honorary doctorate from Southern University in 2001, entered into the National Black Sports
25 & Entertainment Hall of Fame in 2001, was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame
26 in 2010, and joined the National Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame in 2019; and

27 WHEREAS, he published his autobiography, *Lawdy Miss Clawdy: The True King*
28 *of the 50's: The Lloyd Price Story* in 2009, and later penned a series of empowering essays
29 for his 2015 book *Sumdumhonky*; and

30 WHEREAS, Lloyd Price Avenue in Kenner was named for the singer in 1995 and

1 the city celebrates an annual Lloyd Price Day; and

2 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jackie, three daughters, and two sons; and

3 WHEREAS, although the death of Lloyd Price has left a tremendous void in the
4 music community as well as in the lives of his family, friends, and fans, this unique
5 gentleman and his extraordinary talents shall live forever in the annals of Louisiana Rhythm
6 and Blues music and in the minds, memories, and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of legendary Rhythm
9 and Blues pioneer Lloyd Price, does hereby record for posterity his outstanding
10 accomplishments and singular contributions to the great art of Rhythm and Blues music,
11 does hereby recognize the great pride and honor that this fine Louisianian will forever bring
12 to the city of Kenner and the state, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the
13 wonderful way in which the music of Lloyd Price has touched the lives of countless people
14 throughout the world.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 wife of Lloyd Price, Jackie Price.

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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