

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of E. Graham Thompson.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a man of great faith, E. Graham Thompson, a longtime resident of Baton Rouge, who died peacefully at home on November 1, 2021, at the age of eighty-four; and

WHEREAS, E. Graham Thompson was born on February 4, 1937, in North Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, he attended Vanderbilt University, where he served as president of his fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon and the Interfraternity Council, was a member of honor societies Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, was voted "Bachelor of Ugliness", an honor given to the outstanding graduating male student, graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was awarded the Founders Medal; and

WHEREAS, he completed his education by graduating from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University; and

WHEREAS, Graham served this country in the United States Army for two years, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and then returned to Little Rock to work in the family business, Capital City Casket Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he began a passionate, four-decade career in banking by joining the staff at First American National Bank in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and was elected to the Board of Education in North Little Rock for three terms; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Graham Thompson served as CEO of three banks, senior leader of two banks, market president of one bank, and was on the board of directors for seven banks; and

WHEREAS, he served as city president of Whitney Bank in Baton Rouge and Chief Credit Officer/Risk Manager for First Commerce Corporation in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, one of his greatest joys was mentoring young bankers and Graham was an instructor in the LSU Graduate School of Banking summer courses for twenty years, a treasurer, board chairman, and State Government Relation Committee chair for seventeen years for the Louisiana Bankers Association, and served as board chairman of both the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce and the Monroe Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he served for nine years on the board of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, two of those years as chairman; and

WHEREAS, Graham was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge where he served as an elder, trustee, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Graham is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Suzie; daughter Ellen and her husband Wes Wolfe; sons Adam Thompson and his wife Merri Hope, and Chris Thompson and his wife Debi; and grandchildren, Mac Thompson, Mitchell Thompson, Mollie Thompson, Blake Thompson, Ross Thompson, and Graham Wolfe, who all affectionately called him "E.G."; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered by family and friends as a faithful Christian, a wonderful husband, professional, kind, and generous.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of E. Graham Thompson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the significant influence of E. Graham Thompson and does hereby extend appreciation for his mentorship and faith that will continue to be a source of honor for the city of Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby pay tribute to the exceptional legacy of E. Graham Thompson, which shall remain in the hearts of those who were enhanced by his knowledge and guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of E. Graham Thompson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE