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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUPLESSIS, BAGLEY, BOYD, FREIBERG, HORTON, LACOMBE, MCKNIGHT, AND PRESSLY AND SENATORS FOIL AND FRED MILLS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Dr. Jose E. Torres

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of José Enrique
3	Torres, MD, United States Navy veteran and distinguished graduate of and instructor
4	with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans medical
5	school.
6	WHEREAS, Dr. José Torres, a longtime resident of New Orleans, passed away in
7	Baton Rouge on April 22, 2022, at the age of one hundred after a remarkable life that
8	included a highly distinguished career in medicine; and
9	WHEREAS, José Enrique Torres was born on January 11, 1922, in Villahermosa,
10	Mexico, to Epaminondas Torres Solís of Nicaragua and Esperanza Morales Boylan of
11	Mexico; and
12	WHEREAS, after a childhood in coastal Central America, he came to New Orleans
13	as a young man, graduated from Alcée Fortier High School, and rose to prominence as a
14	long-practicing physician at several greater New Orleans hospitals and esteemed instructor
15	with the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans medical school; and
16	WHEREAS, Dr. Torres attended LSU in Baton Rouge for his undergraduate studies
17	and was a proud Fighting Tiger from that time through the rest of his life; and
18	WHEREAS, during World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served
19	his country honorably as a member of the Navy Medical Corps; and

1	WHEREAS, influenced by his Navy experience, Dr. Torres chose the practice of
2	medicine for his career, enrolled in LSU's New Orleans medical school, and graduated from
3	that institution in the class of 1955; and
4	WHEREAS, as a practicing OB/GYN at Charity Hospital and professor, later
5	professor emeritus, with the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, Dr. Torres
6	delivered and treated countless New Orleanians and guided the careers of a host of
7	physicians; and
8	WHEREAS, in New Orleans, Dr. Torres met and married the love of his life, Lois
9	Rita Muller; together, he and Lois experienced the joy of bringing into the world five
10	daughters as well as the heartbreak of losing a child, their beloved Giselle Marie, to pediatric
11	cancer; and
12	WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology, held
13	additional certification in cervicography and colposcopy, was a fellow of the American
14	College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and was a founding member of both the American
15	Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology and the Gynecologic Laser Society; and
16	WHEREAS, he was nationally recognized as a pioneer in the treatment of cervical
17	cancer by carbon dioxide laser; passionate about cancer care, he became active with the New
18	Orleans chapter of the American Cancer Society and was a past president of that
19	organization; and
20	WHEREAS, Dr. Torres enjoyed and capably fulfilled many appointments on
21	healthcare-related boards, published articles in and served as editor of various medical
22	journals, and taught legions of medical students as a lecturer, course director, and visiting
23	professor at medical schools both in the United States and abroad; and
24	WHEREAS, an avid storyteller, he often regaled his family with legends of banana
25	battles on the beaches of his youth and of fending off barracuda and finding Spanish gold
26	while freediving in the depths of the Caribbean; and
27	WHEREAS, "Uncle José" was revered by his extended family because he excelled
28	at practically everything he did—everything except ambulance-driving, that is, which he
29	divulged in one of his more comical stories; and

1	WHEREAS, he was a devout member of the Catholic church; humble and stalwart
2	in his faith, he served as a Eucharistic minister in his local dioceses for many years; and
3	WHEREAS, as Hurricane Katrina approached New Orleans in August of 2005, Dr.
4	Torres heeded the wisdom of his daughter, Michelle, and evacuated from his West Bank
5	home; thereafter, he relocated to Baton Rouge and enjoyed his later years to the fullest as
6	a resident of St. James Place and volunteer and mentor to young physicians training at LSU's
7	Earl K. Long Medical Center; and
8	WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was a charming, brilliant, genuine, and deeply compassionate
9	man who was treasured by his family and admired by those who knew him; and
10	WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Epaminondas and Esperanza;
11	wife, Lois; daughter, Giselle; and sister, Judith Maria Doubleday; and
12	WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his four daughters, Allison Torres
13	Wisener (Michael), Maria Esperanza Torres, Elizabeth Ann Torres Brown, and Michelle
14	Alexandra Torres; five grandchildren, T. Joseph Wisener, William C. Wisener, Todd W.
15	Brown (Mercy), Garrett W. Brown, and Claire C. Brown; numerous nieces and nephews;
16	and two great-grandchildren, both recently born in the care of one of his students.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of José Enrique Torres, MD, and does
19	hereby recognize his singular contributions and achievements, which will forever be a source
20	of pride and honor for his family.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22	family of Dr. Torres.

## **DIGEST**

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