

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AND SENATORS BERNARD AND LUNEAU

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Randell Aaron Fletcher

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Randell Aaron
3 Fletcher.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of
5 Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 12, 2023, of Randell Aaron Fletcher; and

6 WHEREAS, Randell Aaron Fletcher was born in Verda, Louisiana, on July 9, 1935,
7 to Aaron and Edna Fletcher; the Fletcher family is one of Grant Parish's oldest pioneer
8 families, originally settling in the hills around Verda and Hargis in the late 1700s; and

9 WHEREAS, Randell was a member of the graduating class of 1953 at Verda High
10 School; he went on to attend Northwestern State University where he earned bachelor's and
11 master's degrees in education; his time as a college student was the only time he had lived
12 outside of his beloved Grant Parish; and

13 WHEREAS, Randell married Geraldine Hale, whom he had known since first grade,
14 on November 26, 1954; they raised three children, Steve, Becky, and Celeste; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher began his professional career as a teacher at Colfax High
16 School in 1958; he taught for twenty years, during which time he was elected to the Grant
17 Parish Police Jury at the age of thirty-five; he stepped away from teaching in 1978 to run for
18 the office of tax assessor, which he won handily at the age of forty; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher faithfully served Grant Parish for twenty years before
20 voluntarily stepping down to focus on mission work; he made sixteen trips to various Latin
21 American countries to help spread the gospel; and

1 WHEREAS, Randell's most prolific characteristic was his incredible faith; he joined
2 Verda Baptist Church in 1948 and faithfully served the church as a deacon from 1957 until
3 his passing; he was the church's treasurer for decades and organized many mission trips; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher played a pivotal role in the meteoric growth of Bank of
5 Montgomery, which saw the expansion of its footprint across central Louisiana and into
6 Texas after Randell succeeded his father on the board in 1990; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher was an incredibly civic-minded individual who served his
8 community in every manner that he was capable of; he sat on the Red River Waterway
9 Commission and was appointed by the governor to sit on the Grant Parish board of election
10 supervisors; he represented his community and parish on numerous other boards and
11 commissions; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher's survivors include his wife of sixty-eight years, Geraldine
13 Hale Fletcher; son, Steve Fletcher; daughters, Becky Reeder and Celeste Fletcher, and her
14 husband John Wardlow; grandchildren, Kristen Tarver, and her husband Adam, Joshua
15 Fletcher, Carrie Butler, and her husband Blake, Heather Herron, and her husband Joe, Zach
16 Reeder, and his wife Samantha, and Leanne Foreman, and her husband Clay; and great-
17 grandchildren, Indy Ammons, Luke Butler, Allie Butler, Seth Herron, Kate Herron, Rhett
18 Reeder, Brady Foreman, and Camille Foreman; and

19 WHEREAS, Randell Aaron Fletcher was a pillar of Grant Parish; he will be deeply
20 missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will live on.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Randell Aaron Fletcher and does hereby extend
23 sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared
24 memories of his life.

DIGEST

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