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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATORS FOIL AND ABRAHAM

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Richard P. Ieyoub.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Richard P. Ieyoub.

WHEREAS, Richard Phillip Ieyoub, born August 11, 1944, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, was a first generation American who embraced his Lebanese heritage and served over nineteen years as a public servant to the citizens of the Calcasieu Parish and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lake Charles High School, Richard earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University Law School, and he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters in 2021 from McNeese State University which was his most treasured honor; and

WHEREAS, a devout Catholic and known for his sincerity, Richard was a genuine and kind-hearted man serving the citizens of Calcasieu Parish as district attorney from 1984 until his 1992 election as Louisiana's Attorney General, a position he held until 2004; and

WHEREAS, during his career of public service, Richard Ieyoub was most proud of his role in making Louisiana one of the first states to sue the nation's tobacco companies which eventually resulted in a $4.6 billion settlement for Louisiana which the legislature placed in trust funds to help pay for education and health care over time; and

WHEREAS, after the 2015 governor's election, Governor John Bel Edwards asked Richard to be his Commissioner of Conservation in the Department of Natural Resources, a position in which he maintained a reputation for fairness, honesty, and openness as he balanced the various interests of the environmentalists as well as oil and gas companies when deciding whether to grant oil and gas drilling permits; and

WHEREAS, Richard is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Caprice Brown Ieyoub; children Amy, Nicole (Arthur Murray), Brennan (Joy), Phillip, Khoury, Christian, and Anna Michael; grandchildren Nicolas, Nia, Lila, Gabriel, and Logan; brothers Kalil (Gretchel), Patrick (Charlotte), and sister Ernestine Ieyoub Underwood, and the very best nieces and nephews any uncle could ask for; he was preceded in death by his father Phillip Assad Ieyoub, mother Virginia Khoury Ieyoub, brother Daniel, and brother-in-law Neil Underwood; and

WHEREAS, Richard always put faith and family first and inspired generations of friends and colleagues to do the same and his passing leaves a void in all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard Phillip Ieyoub on the occasion of his passing and does here acknowledge with gratitude his service to the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Caprice Brown Ieyoub.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard Phillip Ieyoub on the occasion of his passing and further acknowledges with gratitude his service to the citizens of Louisiana.