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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Ronnie Matthew LeMaire

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ronnie
3	Matthew LeMaire.
4	WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5	Representatives has learned of the passing, on April 22, 2023, of Ronnie Matthew LeMaire;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire possessed an unwavering conviction to serve Christ and
8	always strived to live his life in a manner that was true to his faith; in pursuit of this purpose,
9	his early schooling took him from a monastery boarding in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to
10	Immaculate Monastery in Lafayette, Louisiana, and then Sons of Sacred Heart Seminary
11	College in Michigan, where he became fluent in both French and Latin; he joined a Trappist
12	monastery in Huntsville, Utah, living by the three major rules of St. Benedict: stability,
13	fidelity to the monastic life, and obedience; and
14	WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire eventually felt called to leave the monastic life and follow
15	in his two brothers' footsteps by joining the United States Marine Corps; he enrolled in
16	music school in San Diego, California, where he became an excellent trumpeter; he became
17	a member of the celebrated Marine Corps Band at Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed for
18	twenty-nine months; and
19	WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire also had the honor of playing for the CIN Pac Fleet, giving
20	him the opportunity to honor his fallen brothers and sisters by playing Taps in funeral
21	ceremonies at the Punchbowl Crater in Oahu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, completing his military service in 1958, Ronnie worked briefly in Lake
 Tahoe and in the oilfield before accepting a job as a bus driver for the Vermilion Parish
 School Board; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Mr. LeMaire joined the Benedictine monastery in
Opelousas, Louisiana, and had the opportunity to play with the Eunice Symphony Orchestra;
despite these many honors, he remained incredibly humble throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Matthew LeMaire leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Carrie
K. LeMaire; granddaughter, Brooke Champagne; great-grandchildren, Matthew and Joseph
Marceaux; stepchildren, Charlotte Fox, and her husband Shawn, Cindy Langley, and Trey
Langley, and his wife Sheree; step-grandchildren, Carrie Soileau, Brett Soileau, Jonathan
Fox, Payton Fox, Elizabeth Fox, Shelton Langley, and Fayte Langley; and step-greatgrandson, Everen Soileau; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ronnie 15 Matthew LeMaire; does hereby express sincere appreciation for his service as a member of 16 the United States Marine Corps; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, 17 friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

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