

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ronnie Matthew LeMaire.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the passing, on April 22, 2023, of Ronnie Matthew LeMaire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire possessed an unwavering conviction to serve Christ and always strived to live his life in a manner that was true to his faith; in pursuit of this purpose, his early schooling took him from a monastery boarding in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to Immaculate Monastery in Lafayette, Louisiana, and then Sons of Sacred Heart Seminary College in Michigan, where he became fluent in both French and Latin; he joined a Trappist monastery in Huntsville, Utah, living by the three major rules of St. Benedict: stability, fidelity to the monastic life, and obedience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire eventually felt called to leave the monastic life and follow in his two brothers' footsteps by joining the United States Marine Corps; he enrolled in music school in San Diego, California, where he became an excellent trumpeter; he became a member of the celebrated Marine Corps Band at Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed for twenty-nine months; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeMaire also had the honor of playing for the CIN Pac Fleet, giving him the opportunity to honor his fallen brothers and sisters by playing Taps in funeral 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-great-grandson, Everen Soileau; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES