2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, ECHOLS, FISHER, GADBERRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCFARLAND, MOORE, RISER, AND THOMPSON AND SENATORS CATHEY, JACKSON, MORRIS, AND WOMACK

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the legislature on the death of Judge Jimmy N. Dimos

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge Jimmy
3	N. Dimos.
4	WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the members of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death, on May 18, 2023, of former speaker of
6	the Louisiana House of Representatives and retired 4th Judicial District Court judge, Jimmy
7	N. Dimos; and
8	WHEREAS, Jimmy N. Dimos was born on October 18, 1938, and immigrated from
9	the Socialist Republic of Macedonia to Monroe, Louisiana, in 1951; he graduated from
10	Neville High School in Monroe in 1956 and received a bachelor's degree from the University
11	of Louisiana at Monroe in 1960 and a juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School
12	in 1963; and
13	WHEREAS, Judge Dimos received admission into the State Bar of Louisiana in 1964
14	and joined the McKeithen, Mouser, and McKinley law firm; and
15	WHEREAS, Judge Dimos was elected to serve District No. 16 in the Louisiana
16	House of Representatives in 1975; he quickly gained a reputation as a reformer in the
17	legislature, which led to his selection as speaker of the House in 1988 during the Buddy
18	Roemer administration; he was a staunch advocate for trial lawyers in tort reform debates
19	and unwaveringly pro-life throughout his twenty-three-year legislative career; he was also
20	a dedicated supporter of Tulane University; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Dimos resigned from the legislature upon his election to the 4th
 Judicial District following a special election held on March 27, 1999; he served in this
 position until December 31, 2006; in 2017, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall
 of Fame and the Louisiana Judicial Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Dimos was affiliated with a number of professional 6 organizations, including the Fourth Judicial District Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar 7 Association, Louisiana State Law Institute Council, Louisiana District Judges Association, 8 and the Employers Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR); and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Dimos was also very active with numerous civic organizations 10 and held various roles including serving as president of the Monroe Jaycees and vice 11 president of the Optimist Club of Greater Monroe; he was also involved with the Home 12 Builders Association, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, West Monroe Chamber of 13 Commerce, and Monroe Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Judge Dimos received numerous awards and honors including the
Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of the Twin Cities in 1971, the Junior Chamber
International Senate Golden Arrow Award in 1984, and the Daughters of the American
Revolution Americanism Medal in 1985; his name was chosen to be on the Honor Wall at
Ellis Island in 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Jimmy N. Dimos was a civic-minded individual with numerous 20 professional and political accomplishments; he leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 21 fifty-eight years, Dale Guilkey Dimos; son, John Nicholas Dimos; daughters, Laura Flynn, 22 and her husband Steve, Myra Zeringue, and her husband Guy III, and Christy Jones, and her 23 husband Jimmy; grandchildren, George Flynn, Elena Flynn, Eliza Zeringue, Mary Laura 24 Zeringue, Paul Zeringue, Adele Zeringue, Casey Jones, and Nicholas Jones; cousin, Tommy 25 Crazovich, and his wife Lynn; and sister-in-law, Cindy Ridgway; he will be deeply missed, 26 but his legacy of service to the state of Louisiana will be remembered forever.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives and retired 4th Judicial District Court judge, Jimmy N. Dimos; does hereby recognize Judge Dimos's inspiring story of success and civil service as an immigrant

- 1 realizing the American dream in Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his
- 2 family, friends, former colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of
- 3 his inspiring life.

DIGEST

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