

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Russel Wayne Conrad.

WHEREAS, Russel Wayne Conrad was born on April 4, 1983, in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Russ graduated from Barbe High School in 2001, and he attended SOWELA Technical Community College and McNeese State University; and

WHEREAS, Russ' passion for radio began when he was a small child; after working as an entertainment director, an event emcee, and mobile disk jockey, Russ began his dream job with Townsquare Media as a radio personality on Gator 99.5, where he was well known for his on-air moniker, "Your Buddy Russ"; and

WHEREAS, Russ never met a stranger, and he was the kind of guy that could light up any room no matter what was going on; and

WHEREAS, his laugh was infectious, and he had impeccable timing for the perfectly placed joke and occasional zinger; and

WHEREAS, Russ was known for his epic personality, hard-to-forget laugh, eccentric wardrobe, and love for the color gold; and

WHEREAS, a cofounder of Seven Slot Society, Russ always had a passion for helping people, and when he wasn't at the radio station, Russ touched many people in Southwest Louisiana with his selfless acts, volunteering to emcee benefits and charity events, or just being around town talking with people; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, a few days shy of his fortieth birthday, Russ lost his battle with bone cancer; and

WHEREAS, Russ is survived by his parents David E. and Elizabeth "Beth" Conrad; aunts and uncles, Lynda Jane Jones, Frank and Robin Conrad, Kaye and Dan Kuss, Judy Conrad, Patsy and Rick Farmer, Angie and Russell Sylvester; cousins, Terri Conrad, Karen Conrad, Cheryl Amoroso, Mark Conrad, Marcy Conrad, Megan Callahan, Jessica Williamson, Mitchell Brown, Brandon Sylvester, Sarah Bess Brown, Nathan Sylvester; Russ' Gator 99.5 family; and his beloved Dude Party.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Russel Wayne Conrad upon the occasion of his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his parents, David and Beth Conrad.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE