

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of John Joseph Ernst, III.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sorrow and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of John Joseph Ernst, III, on November 9, 2023, at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, John was born in New Orleans on February 7, 1941, to Pauline James Ernst and John Joseph Ernst, Jr; John married the love of his life and best friend, Virginia Richmond, on June 19, 1965; and

WHEREAS, John graduated from Jesuit High School and Tulane University; as an undergraduate, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society; he graduated from the Louisiana State University Medical School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ernst was commissioned as an assistant surgeon by the U.S. Public Health Service and assigned to the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Savannah, Georgia, from 1966 to 1968; he returned to New Orleans to complete consecutive fellowships in internal medicine and cardiology at Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation Hospital; Dr. Ernst was loved by his many patients as well as his colleagues in health care during more than six decades of practice; John was a fellow of the American College of Physicians and served as a board member of the foundation of Touro Infirmary, where he was instrumental in founding the Wellness Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ernst enjoyed entertaining friends with colorful stories about his family history and his travel adventures with Virginia; John was an ardent supporter of historic preservation and was proud to live in a historic house named Anthemion, which was generously shared; John and Virginia hosted numerous events for friends and organizations; he had many hobbies, including horticulture, stamp collecting, and painting; and

WHEREAS, John is survived by his daughter, Virginia Verret de Marigny Ernst Dildy (John); son, John Joseph Ernst, IV; and niece, Kim Ernst; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Joseph Ernst, III, is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible accomplishments and for the great impact he made on his community by touching the lives of his many patients during the course of his life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Dr. John Joseph Ernst, III; does hereby recognize his incredible accomplishments; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES