

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Phyllis Anne Perron.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on March 10, 2024, of Phyllis Anne Perron; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Anne Perron was born to Maurice and Elsie Mae Perron, and she grew up on a family farm in a small rural community outside of the city of Ville Platte in Evangeline Parish; she attended Sacred Heart School and graduated in a class of only thirty-two students; she also competed in 4-H, won blue ribbons for her sweet potato pies, and occasionally spent her nights dancing at the Camelot Club; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis attended Louisiana State University, where she studied fashion and interior design, joined Pi Beta Phi, and graduated in 1965; after graduation, she traveled across the state on behalf of the electric cooperatives CLECO and DEMCO, networking with homebuilders, schools, and local chambers of commerce; however, she was drawn to policy and politics and subsequently took a position as executive director of the Louisiana Egg Commission; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis's work led to an appointment with the office of consumer protection, where she began her long and productive relationship with the legislature; her work at the capitol drew the attention of the Louisiana Association of Life Underwriters, and she was hired to serve as the association's executive director in 1977; in this role, she lobbied on behalf of the association's three thousand members and greatly built upon her legislative expertise; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perron left the helm of the Louisiana Association of Life Underwriters in 1984 and formed Phyllis Perron and Associates; the move was driven by her desire to represent multiple entities on legislative issues and to add association management services to her repertoire; as the head of her own firm, she expertly represented dozens of clients both large and small, ranging from insurance associations and pharmacists to the Louisiana Small Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perron was recognized in 2013 by the Baton Rouge Business Report with an Influential Women in Business Award; in her profile article, she stated that one of her proudest accomplishments was her work on legislation that created the Louisiana Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association; throughout her career, she was sincerely respected by state agencies and lawmakers for her thoroughness and toughness when representing clients; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Perron was a true public servant whose legacy goes far beyond her relationship building, legislative analyses, and negotiating skills; she will be remembered as a genuinely gracious, caring, clever, and enthusiastic ambassador for her beloved state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Phyllis Anne Perron is survived by her brother, Andre Keath Perron (Carolyn); nieces, Michelle Perron, Cynthia Lipari (Mark), and Paulette Lewis (Christian); nephews, Paul Perron (Debbie) and Mark Perron (Teri); great-nieces, Peyton Perron, Lilly Perron, Elise Lipari, Hope Schumaker (Jamison), André Perron, Abigail Lewis, and Grace Lewis; and great-nephews, Andrew Pronsati (Katie), Dante Pronsati (Reagan), Luke Lewis, and Eli Lipari; she 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 Phyllis Perron and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES