

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Harry Connick Sr., former district attorney of Orleans Parish.

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate are deeply saddened by the passing of Harry Connick Sr., the former district attorney of Orleans Parish, whose dedication and service to the community have left an indelible mark on the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Harry Connick Sr. served his country with distinction during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy before pursuing higher education, earning a degree in business administration, and contributing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, while owning and operating two record stores alongside his cherished wife, the late Anita Connick, Harry Connick Sr. pursued his passion for justice and legal advocacy, attending law school and earning his degree from Tulane University, demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning and service; and

WHEREAS, Harry Connick Sr. was first elected as district attorney of Orleans Parish in 1973, and his exceptional leadership and dedication to justice were evident throughout his tenure, during which he was reelected four times, serving until 2003, and becoming the longest-serving district attorney in New Orleans history; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Harry Connick Sr. was a powerful and influential figure in New Orleans civic life and his commitment to upholding the rule of law and serving the interests of justice inspired all those who had the privilege of working alongside him; and

WHEREAS, from his marriage with Anita, two children were born, Suzanne Connick Jamison, M.D., FACP, Colonel, USAR (Retired), who served our country in the United States Army, and Harry Connick Jr., a renowned international recording artist and entertainer; and

WHEREAS, Harry Connick Sr., with his late wife, raised their family in the Lakeview neighborhood of New Orleans, instilling in them values of integrity, compassion, and a strong sense of community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable work in the law, Harry Connick Sr. was also a talented singer, like his famous son, and delighted audiences with performances in nightclubs in the city's French Quarter, earning him the affectionate nickname "The Singing District Attorney"; and

WHEREAS, Harry Connick Sr. and his son co-founded the Mardi Gras superkrewe the Krewe of Orpheus, further showcasing their deep-rooted connection to and love for the vibrant cultural traditions of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, after the death of his beloved wife, Anita, Harry Connick Sr. married Londa Jean Matherne Connick, whose love and support of Harry during his senior years was unwavering and inspiring.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Harry Connick Sr. on his passing and expresses its deepest gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the people of Orleans Parish and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Harry Connick Sr. as a token of our sincere sympathy and appreciation for his outstanding contributions to our state.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE