

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Joan Hatcher McCaskill on the occasion of her passing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 passing of Joan Hatcher McCaskill.

4 WHEREAS, Joan Hatcher McCaskill was born on September 8, 1939, to Mary  
5 Amelia Devall and William Bass Hatcher, PhD; and

6 WHEREAS, Joan's father was the President of Louisiana State University from 1944  
7 to 1947, where she grew up on the campus of Louisiana State University and lived in the  
8 President's house; and

9 WHEREAS, Joan attended University Laboratory School and graduated in 1957; and

10 WHEREAS, Joan Hatcher McCaskill went on to graduate from Louisiana State  
11 University with a bachelor's and master's degrees in French in 1966; and

12 WHEREAS, Joan Hatcher McCaskill married James William McCaskill, PhD and  
13 from the two a daughter was born; and

14 WHEREAS, Joan taught French at the St. James Episcopal Day School for many  
15 years and was fondly recalled by her students as "Madame Joan"; and

16 WHEREAS, Joan was a lifelong member of St. James Episcopal Church, taking on  
17 many leadership roles in the church, as well as participating in many committees and  
18 activities including coordinating the youth program with her husband and singing in the

1 choir; and

2           WHEREAS, Joan Hatcher McCaskill was chair of the committee to design the  
3 Centroplex Auditorium, a member of the Committee for the Formation of the Baton Rouge  
4 Arts and Humanities Council, President of Chi Omega Alumni Corporation, active in the  
5 Baton Rouge Assembly, the Philistoria Book Club, the Junior League of Baton Rouge, and  
6 other community clubs and organizations; and

7           WHEREAS, Joan, after living a long productive life filled with her love of friends,  
8 her two dogs, traveling, spirituality, community, and arts, passed away at her home in Baton  
9 Rouge at the age of eighty-five, on December 13, 2024, after a long and courageous battle  
10 with cancer; and

11           WHEREAS, Joan Hatcher McCaskill leaves her daughter Karen McCaskill Garland,  
12 and her husband, Douglas Barth Garland, to cherish her memory as well as her beloved  
13 grandchildren, William Hatcher Garland and Alexis Garland Lambert, and Alexis' husband  
14 Cole Wesley Lambert.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
16 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Joan Hatcher  
17 McCaskill.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 family of Joan Hatcher McCaskill.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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