

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Marguerite Gay May Town.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of an extraordinary woman, Marguerite Gay May Town, whose life was dedicated to faith, family, and service to her community; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Gay May Town passed away on the morning of Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at the age of eighty-seven, surrounded by her beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Gay was born on November 2, 1936, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the second of five daughters of George Wilton May Jr. and Marguerite Emma Gay May, and spent most of her life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she was a proud graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and Louisiana State University, where she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and met her loving husband of sixty-eight years, A. Hays Town Jr.; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated advocate for the welfare of children, Gay and her husband founded the St. Elizabeth Foundation in 1988, a nonprofit adoption agency that has placed more than six hundred babies into loving homes, offering unwavering support to pregnant women in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Gay's contributions to her community were recognized when she was honored as St. Joseph's Academy Alumna of the Year in 2010 for embodying integrity, moral character, love of God, and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, known for her strong will, leadership, feisty spirit, and passion for cooking and entertaining, Marguerite Gay May Town leaves behind a lasting legacy through her six children, twenty grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and many other loved ones.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Marguerite Gay May Town upon the occasion of her passing and does hereby commend her exemplary life and contributions to her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Marguerite Gay May Town.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE