

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE