

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mr. Joel Parker Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Joel Parker Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana  
5 learned of the peaceful transition into eternal life of Joel Parker Sr. on April 17, 2026, at the  
6 age of eighty-nine; and

7 WHEREAS, Joel Parker Sr., was born on March 23, 1937 to Ezola Young in  
8 Washington, Louisiana, where he accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age, and  
9 served as a devoted member of Wiley United Methodist Church in Blanks, Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Joel Parker Sr. was united in holy matrimony to Elnora Murray on  
11 January 21, 1960, with their union being blessed with four daughters and two sons and they  
12 shared thirty-five years of love and devotion until her passing on June 3, 1995; and

13 WHEREAS, he developed a passion for horses at a young age and became known  
14 as one of the finest cowboys, horse trainers, and rodeo event presenters with himself having  
15 competed in rodeos as a saddle bronc rider and bull rider; and

16 WHEREAS, despite the challenges of not being welcome as a black cowboy, Joel  
17 fought against the odds and became a Stock and Rodeo Producer in Louisiana and  
18 Mississippi, bringing black and white cowboys together; and

1           WHEREAS, for over fifty years Joel hosted rodeos where he was recognized as a  
2 strong inspiration to the many young people involved in his rodeos at the Lottie Stampede  
3 Arena, alongside his sons and rodeo partner, Eli Allen. Their Easter Sunday Rodeo became  
4 a cherished family tradition for many years; and

5           WHEREAS, Joel Parker Sr. was a faithful and hardworking man who worked for the  
6 Weinstein' Haas-Herschel Ranch; the JE Jumonville Ranch; the OD Kent Ranch; and later  
7 retired from the Alma Plantation in early 2000; and

8           WHEREAS, Joel leaves behind many cherished memories for his family and friends  
9 who will remember the warmth of his love, the brilliance of his spirit, and his love for  
10 horses; and

11           WHEREAS, he is survived by his children: Augustine Parker of Lottie, Cherry  
12 Bridgewater of St. Francisville, Joel Parker Jr. of Lottie, James Parker of Krotz Springs,  
13 Barbara (Dale) Howard of Glynn, and Norma (Ronald) Zachery of Lottie, all in Louisiana,  
14 and eleven grandchildren: Corey (Margaret) Parker, Brett Parker, Precious (Jessie) Tate,  
15 Madonna Parker, Dyamond Parker, Brittany Howard, Tre' Beckman, Courtney Parker, Jamie  
16 Williams, Dante' Williams, Jordan Philson, and J'Niyah Parker, and twenty-five great  
17 grandchildren; and

18           WHEREAS, he is also survived by his sister and brothers-in-law: Adrian Tezeno,  
19 Geraldine Andrus, Willie Murray, John Murray, Joel Murray Sr., Grace (Melvin) White, and  
20 Beverly (Tilden) Boudreaux, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, Joel also shared a special bond with Freddie Nolan who he considered  
23 a son; Quincy Battley, a co-worker and dear friend; and Lavale Johnson, who was like a  
24 grandson to him; and

25           WHEREAS, Joel leaves behind extremely close cowboy friends who were  
26 considered family: Gene Richard, Errol Klein, Luke Decuir, Darrell Cezair, Willie King,  
27 Eugene King, Ray Dunbar, Pokey Johnson, Leniel Kimble, Mitch Wyble, JB Stelly, Dude  
28 Warts and countless others; and

29           WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elnora Parker; his mother  
30 and step-father, Ezola and Arthur Skinner; his father and mother-in-law, Arthur and

1 Edmonia Murray; his brothers, Leroy (Elmer) Andrus Sr., Aaron Rideau, and Haywood  
 2 Tezeno Sr.; his sister, Maybell Lavergne; his grandson, Casper Parker; and his great  
 3 grandsons, Kyler Jace Mouton and Jax Kaide Albert; and a plethora of relatives and friends;  
 4 and

5 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities,  
 6 and overall vitality of American society depends in great measure on people like Joel Parker  
 7 Sr., who upon developing their talents and skills, pass their knowledge to the next generation  
 8 of family members and friends.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 10 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Joel Parker Sr. and  
 11 does extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he leaves forever  
 12 to his community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
 14 family of Joel Parker Sr.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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