

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES SHADOIN, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former state representative Laurice Dean "Buddy" Napper of Ruston

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative  
3 Laurice Dean "Buddy" Napper of Ruston.  
4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of former state representative Laurice  
6 Dean "Buddy" Napper on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at the age of 88; and  
7 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was born in Simsboro, Louisiana, where he grew up and  
8 graduated from high school; and  
9 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper served honorably during World War II in the United States  
10 Navy before returning home to attend Louisiana Tech University, where he lettered in  
11 basketball and baseball; and  
12 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper enrolled in Louisiana State University Law School in 1947,  
13 and upon his graduation, he returned home to Ruston and joined O.L. Waltman to form a

1 successful law practice that lasted fifty-one years; the partnership added Ray Madden and  
2 Tommy Rogers and is now known as Napper, Madden and Rogers; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in  
4 1952 as the youngest member of the House and served with distinction for twelve productive  
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, upon his election to the Louisiana House of Representatives,  
7 Mr. Napper used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his  
8 constituency in Lincoln Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and  
9 dedicated manner; and

10 WHEREAS, as a state representative, Mr. Napper steadfastly endeavored to improve  
11 the welfare of the citizens of Louisiana and served on numerous committees, including  
12 Affairs of the House, Appropriations, and Public Education, and as vice chairman of  
13 Judiciary-A and Conservation; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state representative and throughout his life,  
15 Mr. Napper worked tirelessly to promote Ruston and the quality of life that Lincoln Parish  
16 offered and was involved in many projects which brought new industry and business to the  
17 area; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association for  
19 fifty years, and his peers elected him to serve on the Louisiana Law Institute for more than  
20 thirty-five years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper also served as director of Lincoln Bank and Trust, coached  
22 and played for an American Legion baseball team, and played semi-professional baseball  
23 for the Winnsboro Red Sox; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was an avid tennis player and golfer, and a member of  
25 Trinity United Methodist Church where he served on various committees, and was a life  
26 member of the board of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper is survived by his loving and devoted wife of sixty-six  
28 years, Sara Ann Baskin Napper; children, Suzan and Wallace Martin, Katherine and James  
29 Freeman, and Laura and Greg Champion; grandchildren, Beth and Greg Martin, Leigh-  
30 Baskin and Clay McConnell, Mark Freeman, Chris Freeman, Luke Freeman, Joshua

1 Champion, Sarah Baskin Champion, Abby Grace Champion, and Luke Martin Champion,  
2 great-grandchildren, Alexandra Baskin, Parks McConnell, and Brennan, Madison, and Baker  
3 Martin; one brother-in-law, William Sanders Baskin; and his nieces and nephews; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was preceded in death by his parents, Lue Mark Napper and  
5 Maude Rogers Napper, and his brother, James Harold Napper; and

6 WHEREAS, the death of Buddy Napper has left a great void and created a genuine  
7 sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative family, all  
8 of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and this institution so  
9 well; and

10 WHEREAS, Buddy Napper leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly  
11 missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his  
12 dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative  
15 Laurice Dean "Buddy" Napper of Ruston, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his  
16 notable accomplishments and singular contributions during his twelve-year tenure as a  
17 distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and does hereby extend  
18 enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to  
19 his family, the city of Ruston, the community of Lincoln Parish, the citizens of the state of  
20 Louisiana, and the United States of America.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
22 to the family of Buddy Napper.

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#### DIGEST

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