

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
Laurice Dean "Buddy" Napper of Ruston.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of former state representative Laurice
Dean "Buddy" Napper on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napper was born in Simsboro, Louisiana, where he grew up and
graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napper served honorably during World War II in the United States
Navy before returning home to attend Louisiana Tech University, where he lettered in
basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napper enrolled in Louisiana State University Law School in 1947,
and upon his graduation, he returned home to Ruston and joined O.L. Waltman to form a
successful law practice that lasted fifty-one years; the partnership added Ray Madden and
Tommy Rogers and is now known as Napper, Madden and Rogers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Napper is survived by his loving and devoted wife of sixty-six years, Sara Ann Baskin Napper; children, Suzan and Wallace Martin, Katherine and James Freeman, and Laura and Greg Champion; grandchildren, Beth and Greg Martin, Leigh-Baskin and Clay McConnell, Mark Freeman, Chris Freeman, Luke Freeman, Joshua Champion, Sarah Baskin Champion, Abby Grace Champion, and Luke Martin Champion, great-grandchildren, Alexandra Baskin, Parks McConnell, and Brennan, Madison, and Baker Martin; one brother-in-law, William Sanders Baskin; and his nieces and nephews; and

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE