

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GEYMANN, GUINN,  
HENSGENS, AND HILL AND SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH, AND JOHN  
SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Robert James Pumpelly and  
to recognize his outstanding achievements.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Robert James Pumpelly on Tuesday,  
January 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly was born in Augusta, Kansas, on May 23, 1919, and  
graduated from high school in Oklahoma City in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly served honorably in the United States Navy Air Force  
during World War II for more than three years and was a pilot for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly served as Chairman of the Board of Pumpelly Oil, LLC  
and Pumpelly Tire, LLC and as president of Boy's Village, YMCA, Lake Charles Credit  
Bureau, Calcasieu Area Safety Counsel, Calcasieu Area Boy Scouts of America, and  
Louisiana Oil Marketers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly also served as a board member of the Calcasieu Area  
Chamber of Commerce, United Fund, Crime Stoppers, Louisiana Savings and Loan,  
Samaritan Counseling Center, Downtown Rotary Club, Gideon's International, Fourth  
Avenue Church of God, Foreman Reynaud YMCA, Calcasieu Cameron Association for  
Persons with Orthopedic Disabilities, and Mid-America Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly was also a member of the American Legion, served as  
Sunday School superintendent, as a teacher and board member of Christ Community Church,  
and most recently attended Emmanuel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly received numerous awards for his outstanding  
contributions to society, including Foreman Reynaud YMCA Man of the Year in 1982;  
Chamber of Commerce Civic Service Award in 1981; Rotarian of the Year, Downtown Club

in 1960; Beta Gamma Sigma Recognition Award, McNeese State University in 1992; Lake Charles East Rotary, Jack Harris Award 1988; Angel Award, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1997; Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Mid-America Christian University in 1981; Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award in 1975; Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award in 1990; Della Krause Thielen Foundation Citizen of the Year and Founders Circle Award in 1998; Lake Charles Optimist Club in 1998; and YMBC Club Citizen of the Year in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumpelly married Vida Vincent in 1941, who preceded him in death, and he is survived by his wife Ruth Pumpelly; children Jane Brumby and Glen Pumpelly; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother, Charles Pumpelly; and three sisters, Marie Arnett, Lois Hoyler, and Sylvia Dunn; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Robert James Pumpelly, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, a true gentleman who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many citizens whose lives he touched, and one who was a loving husband, father, and friend, and who will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, although his death has left a tremendous void in his community and throughout the state, Mr. Pumpelly's memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Robert James Pumpelly, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding achievements and singular contributions, and does hereby extend true appreciation for his enduring legacy which will forever continue to be a source of deep pride and honor for his family, friends, colleagues, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Robert James Pumpelly.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE