

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATOR PETERSON

CONDOLENCES. Express condolences upon the passing of David R. Voelker.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of David R. Voelker.

4 WHEREAS, born May 13, 1953, David Voelker was a native of Providence,
5 Louisiana, to Frank Voelker Jr., and Virginia Wilson Voelker, and spent his adult life in
6 New Orleans; and

7 WHEREAS, his numerous and successful community endeavors included support
8 to the Academy of Sacred Heart, Stone Energy, Children's Hospital, Xavier University,
9 Tulane University Health Sciences Center, The Good Shepherd School, and the University
10 of New Orleans Foundation; and

11 WHEREAS, David Voelker, an investment banker by trade, was appointed in 2006
12 by Governor Kathleen Blanco, to chair the Louisiana Recovery Authority dedicated to
13 rebuilding Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, and became known as
14 the "great saint of Louisiana's recovery"; and

15 WHEREAS, he was active in a variety of nonprofit boards in the New Orleans metro
16 area, and a prolific political contributor, favoring national republican party causes, but also
17 contributed to numerous state and federal democratic politicians and directives; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2007 Mr. Voelker brokered an agreement, leading to New Orleans

1 and the state creating a fund with more than two million dollars to pay for a civil rights
2 judgement that threatened to bankrupt the Orleans parish district attorney's office; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Voelker was a man with an extraordinary character, described as
4 extremely jovial and generous, and focused on the improvement of humanity; and

5 WHEREAS, Nick Mueller, president of the National World War II Museum, referred
6 to Mr. Voelker as a strong Museum board chairman, who led the charge when the Museum
7 was in crisis, and assisted to expand the Museum's rebuilding efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, among the numerous projects attached to his generosity is the Miracle
9 League, a baseball organization at Audubon Park for children with special needs that now
10 has more than two hundred and fifty participants and growing; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Voelker helped the League to raise private funds, along with getting
12 the Audubon Institute to donate land for a customized field, allowing the children to watch,
13 play, and experience special outings with their family and community; and

14 WHEREAS, described as a compassionate man by Jefferson Parish Attorney Paul
15 Connick, Mr. Voelker was referred to as a man who always answered a needed call; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to community and state efforts, Mr. Voelker was known by
17 many whom he helped receive healthcare assistance, school tuition, and support in
18 identifying and retaining reliable jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, close friend Boysie Bollinger said, "David would be most proud of the
20 Legacy Foundation he created, allowing residents to indicate their wish to be an organ donor
21 by signing the back of their Louisiana driver's license", a concept since exported to other
22 states; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Voelker is survived and will be dearly missed by his wife Richelle
24 Voelker, his three daughters, Mullady, Audrey and Kitty Voelker, and their mother Ann
25 Donnelly Stuart, a stepson Stephen Crow and stepdaughter Lisa Crow; two brothers, Frank
26 Voelker and George Voelker; three sisters, Mullady Crigler, Mary Clauss, and Kitty
27 Mattesky, and Dr. Marie Budev, Dr. Rafid Fadul, Dr. Mladen Golubik, and the staff of the
28 Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
30 does hereby express the sincere condolences upon the death of David R. Voelker.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 family of David R. Voelker and the doctors and staff of the Cleveland Clinic Wellness
3 Institute.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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