

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 225

BY REPRESENTATIVE PONTI

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Francis Charles McMains of Baton Rouge

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Francis
3 "Frank" Charles McMains of Baton Rouge.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of
5 Representatives has learned of the death of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains on the
6 morning of June 6, 2013, at his home in Baton Rouge; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank McMains was born above his grandparents' store in Dexter, New
8 Mexico, on May 5, 1922, to Orion and Pearl McMains; and

9 WHEREAS, Frank's father was a farmer and his mother was a school teacher, and
10 he attended Grants High School in Grant, New Mexico, where he was a top student and
11 leader and graduated in 1939; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank received his bachelor's degree in pre-med from the University of
13 New Mexico (UNM) while continuing his daily hand milking duties morning and night on
14 the family farm; and

15 WHEREAS, Frank became a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and remained a
16 committed member throughout his life, and upon graduating from UNM, he was accepted
17 into Tulane Medical School through a United States Navy program that trained doctors for
18 war; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank's matriculation at Tulane gave him not only the preparation for
20 his forty-one year career as an orthopedic surgeon but, most importantly, led him to meet the
21 love of his life, Ann Greer; the two were married after Frank graduated from medical school

1 in 1946, a union that carried them through sixty-seven years of shared growth, adventure,
2 comfort, and delight; and

3 WHEREAS, during his career in the Navy, Dr. and Mrs. McMains lived in New
4 Orleans, Pensacola, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. McMains eventually moved back to Baton Rouge where
6 he served as head resident of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and later as chief of staff at
7 Baton Rouge General; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. McMains and his friend Dr. Willard Dowell cofounded the
9 Orthopedic Clinic in Baton Rouge, and Drs. Bill Smith and Charles Kennon later joined the
10 clinic; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was a tireless practitioner, in the words of his successor
12 Dr. Barry Rills, "...taking the stairs was faster than the elevator, taking two stair steps instead
13 of one was even better, and mopping the surgery room floor between operations made it
14 possible to do more surgeries"; and

15 WHEREAS, the proudest work of Dr. McMains's career was his volunteer efforts
16 every Thursday for thirty-three years at the Cerebral Palsy Center, where he provided
17 medical services for disabled kids; he was honored in 2000 for his work when the name of
18 the center was changed to the Dr. Frank McMains Children's Development Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was also the volunteer team doctor for football and
20 basketball teams at University and Episcopal High School while his five sons were in
21 attendance; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his medical career he was proudly affiliated with Tulane's
23 Alpha Omega Alpha medical fraternity and the Piedmont Orthopedic Association, and he
24 effectively and efficiently served as the medical director of Union National Life Insurance
25 for many years; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was preceded in death by his parents and brother and by
27 his third son Richard Orion McMains, and daughter-in-law, Thrye; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. McMains is survived by his wife Ann, his four sons, Jay, Chuck,
2 Tim, Ty and their partners Mary, Zack, and Tracey; thirteen grandchildren, Frank, Emily,
3 Daniel, Jake, Will, Cooper, Tess, Ross, Kaplan, Parker, Reed, Parks, and Brooks; and two
4 great grandchildren, Annie and Julia; and

5 WHEREAS, with the death of Dr. McMains, Louisiana has lost one of her finest
6 sons, and he leaves behind a rich and unique legacy of tenacity, determination, integrity,
7 strength, and professionalism; and

8 WHEREAS, the death of Dr. McMains has left an abiding void in the many lives he
9 touched throughout his life, and his memory shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of
10 all those who knew and loved him.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere sorrow and heartfelt condolences
13 upon the death of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains, does hereby recognize his
14 extraordinary commitment to all of his patients over his career, does hereby record for
15 posterity his tremendous gifts and talents, his outstanding abilities as a physician, and his
16 generosity and kindness, does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy of
17 professionalism and service that will continue to be a source of great pride, inspiration, and
18 honor for his family and friends, his community, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby
19 express the deep regret of the entire state upon the loss of this magnificent man.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the family of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains.

DIGEST

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