

1 numerous promotions, awards, accolades, honors and decorations, retiring from the United
2 States Army with the highest rank that a noncommissioned officer can achieve, a rank of
3 command sergeant major at the E-9 rank; and

4 WHEREAS, Eddie Beckwith Jr. served over twenty-one years in state government
5 with the Department of Social Services, and then returned to Tallulah as Chief Director of
6 Operations of Beckwith Golden Gate Funeral Home; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Beckwith was a leader and a friend, a gentleman with much
8 talent and a strong work ethic, who as mayor, had a positive motto of "Together we can";
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving, devoted and dedicated wife of forty-three
11 years, Mary Louise Jones Beckwith, and their two cherished children, Michael Dwayne
12 Beckwith and Tiffany Nicole Beckwith; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the town of Tallulah experienced continued
14 growth and vitality with many accomplishments such as the improvements of streets, fire
15 protection, recreational activities, expansion of affordable quality housing developments,
16 improved public facilities, improved flood protection, and the overall quality of Tallulah;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, upon his death, the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible
19 mark upon the lives of all those who knew him in his community, in his town of Tallulah,
20 and in the state of Louisiana; and

21 WHEREAS, with the death of Mayor Eddie Beckwith Jr., the state has lost one of
22 her finest sons; a man who loved God, his family, country, state, town, community, and
23 profession; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Beckwith was the kind of man who represents what is good about
25 Louisiana; a man of wisdom who always used his considerable talents, integrity, loyalty, and
26 passion to change his community, town, state and country for the better; a man who
27 dedicated his life to public service to his town, state, and country, and to protecting and
28 making the world a better place to live not only for our generation but for future generations
29 as well; and

30 WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
31 the death of Eddie Beckwith Jr. has left a void in his community and has created a genuine

1 sense of profound sorrow in his town, state, country, and especially for his friends and
2 family; and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Beckwith was a vital force in Northeast Louisiana and cared
4 about the region and the state as a whole, his vision was one of a more prosperous and
5 progressive future, and he was especially excited about Tallulah's potential; and

6 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
7 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
8 of people like Eddie Beckwith Jr. who use their considerable talents and resources to help
9 and serve others.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 honor the life of Eddie Beckwith Jr. and his numerous accomplishments in public and
12 private life and extend sincere condolences to his family on the occasion of his death.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted the
14 family of Eddie Beckwith Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

Thompson

SCR No.

Expresses condolences upon the death of Eddie Beckwith Jr.