

1 WHEREAS, Dick Guidry had a remarkable legislative career serving Lafourche
2 Parish where he is still remembered for transformational infrastructure projects that changed
3 Lafourche Parish from a time before lift bridges allowed easy access across Bayou
4 Lafourche, which splits the parish lengthwise, before levees protected south Lafourche in
5 storms, when drinking water came from cisterns, and before giant ships docked at Port
6 Fourchon; Representative Guidry's vision and legislative efforts produced such
7 improvements as more bridges across the bayou, a pump station that pumps Mississippi
8 River water into the bayou to provide fresh water for a quarter-million residents of five
9 parishes, the South Lafourche Levee District that has provided a ring levee to protect the
10 south Lafourche area, and hospital districts for hospitals in Galliano and Raceland, and he
11 was instrumental in creating the Greater Lafourche Port Commission as well; and

12 WHEREAS, these accomplishments demonstrate the vision and optimism of this
13 remarkable man; he was a man of action, unafraid to take risks, to take on difficult problems
14 and seek to solve them; his career in business demonstrated the same attitude, for he was
15 involved in real estate development, had a booming drive-in movie theater business, and had
16 business ventures in banking, oil exploration, and offshore towing vessels that operated
17 worldwide; and

18 WHEREAS, Dick Guidry also served Louisiana as a member of the Louisiana
19 Constitutional Convention of 1973, which achieved the almost impossible task of completely
20 rewriting and dramatically shortening the state constitution, and he served as a member of
21 the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact; and

22 WHEREAS, former House Speaker Bubba Henry captured Dick Guidry well when
23 he said: "He was the most generous, hard-working, funny and sincere person I knew. ... He
24 was a good-spirited, charming person. It was hard to turn Dick down. ... He could get his
25 dander up ... and let you know how he felt in spades.", and those who knew him remember
26 him as an iconic politician and a legislative magician, and they recall the wonderful, slight
27 smile and most especially the twinkle that was almost always present in his eyes; and

28 WHEREAS, Dick Guidry is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Phyllis G.
29 Guidry, his children Dennis Guidry and wife Carol, David Guidry and wife Mary, Phyllis
30 "Fe Fe" Guidry, Lillie Ledet and husband Tad, and Lisa Guidry Rogers, by seven

1 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, by his brother Robert Guidry and his sister
2 Rosie G. Harris, and by numerous nieces and nephews, and in addition to his parents, he was
3 preceded in death by his son R. Paul Guidry and his brother Lloyd Guidry.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 express sincere condolences to the family and friends of former State Representative Richard
6 P. "Dick" Guidry of Galliano upon his death and does record in the annals of legislative
7 accomplishments, not only the legendary service of Dick Guidry to the people of Lafourche
8 Parish and to the state of Louisiana, but also the special place this quintessential South
9 Louisiana Cajun legislator will always have in the celebrated history of the Louisiana
10 Legislature.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to
12 members of the family of former State Representative Dick Guidry.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of former State Representative Richard "Dick" Guidry of Galliano.