

1 WHEREAS, a devout Catholic, Mr. Edwards was a life-long parishioner at St.
2 Helena Catholic Church where he was an active member of the Knights of Columbus
3 Council 10911; and

4 WHEREAS, together with his wife Dora, Mr. Edwards led a meaningful and
5 philanthropic life, serving the less fortunate in his community with selfless and tireless
6 dedication through his involvement in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and

7 WHEREAS, in February of 2014, Mr. Edwards was honored, along with his family,
8 as they were recognized by the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame as the 2014
9 Louisiana Political Family of Officeholders Award recipients for generations of service to
10 their community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards and his family were honored for dedicating over two
12 hundred years and six generations in public service to the state of Louisiana, including the
13 remarkable accomplishment and honor of serving Tangipahoa Parish as sheriffs for four
14 generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards began his distinguished career in public service in 1968
16 when he was first elected as Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff, following in the footsteps of his
17 father and grandfather; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Edwards served in that capacity until 1980, during which time
19 he was given the prestigious honor of serving as a delegate at the 1973 Louisiana
20 Constitutional Convention; and

21 WHEREAS, in a continued illustration of his tireless drive to serve the state of
22 Louisiana, Mr. Edwards served as Assistant Commissioner of Administration for Governor
23 Edwin Edwards from 1983 to 1986; and

24 WHEREAS, a long-time member, Mr. Edwards enjoyed spending his leisure time
25 in the most beautiful gun club in America, the Florida Parishes Skeet and Gun Association
26 in Amite; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Edwards was chosen to represent Amite as the Oyster King
28 which is a great honor that illustrated his illustrious standing in the community; and

1 WHEREAS, with the death of Frank M. Edwards, Jr., Louisiana has lost one of her
2 finest sons, a deeply beloved individual who was known for his dedication to public service;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, although the death of Mr. Edwards has left a tremendous void in his
5 community, his memory shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved
6 him.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of one of the state's most honorable
9 and dedicated public servants, Mr. Frank M. Edwards, Jr., and does hereby recognize and
10 record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions and extend
11 enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and
12 friends, the city of Amite, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby express the deep regret
13 of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the loss of such an extraordinary gentleman.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to Mrs. Dora Jean Miller Edwards.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Frank M. Edwards, Jr., of Amite and to recognize his distinguished career as an attorney, sheriff, and public servant to his community and to the state of Louisiana.