

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles "Charlie" Tubre, an advocate for the disabled and the elderly throughout Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Charles "Charlie" Tubre on December 18, 2014, at the age of seventy-three; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tubre was born to Richard and Wilma Tubre on April 14, 1941, in Oakdale, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when Charlie was fourteen years old, he injured his spinal cord in a diving accident; much of his life was dedicated to helping persons with disabilities and the elderly live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Oakdale High School, Charlie Tubre enrolled at the University of New Orleans, which offered an education plan for people with severe disabilities to attend school; he received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tubre was president and executive director of the Independent Living Center from 1979-1984; he coordinated services for Louisiana's programs for handicapped children from 1984-1987; he managed the disability prevention program for the state office of public health from 1988-1990; he was director of advocacy and community relations for Resources for Independent Living Inc., until 2001; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 until his death, Mr. Tubre was systems advocacy specialist for the Advocacy Center in New Orleans, a state-funded nonprofit corporation that was organized in 1978 and that protects the rights of persons with mental or physical disabilities, advocates for the rights of group home residents, and provides legal assistance to nursing home residents and Louisianians over the age of sixty in Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Tammany parishes; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Advocacy Center's office on Oak Street was named after Mr. Tubre; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Tubre's many noteworthy achievements were the purchase of specialized vehicles for disabled UNO students; programs to guarantee accessible housing for the disabled; and making the New Orleans Museum of Art Sculpture Garden, the Aquarium of the Americas, and French Quarter sidewalks and curbs navigable by people in wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Charlie Tubre tirelessly fought for the rights of individuals with disabilities by identifying problems and advocating for solutions and his efforts were appreciated by many and often rewarded; Mr. Tubre was named to the Mayor's Advisory Council for Citizens with Disabilities, the Regional Transit Authority's Special Transit Advisory Committee; and the Governor's Advisory Council on Disabilities Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tubre will be missed by those who had the honor of working with him; his efforts toward improving the welfare of his fellow citizens will forever be cherished by his family and friends and by those whose lives he helped to improve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana do hereby express heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Charles "Charlie" Tubre upon his passing; do hereby herald his productive, compassionate work in the interests of Louisiana's disabled as he passed through this life; do hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and exemplary contributions; and do hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort to those whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Charles "Charlie" Tubre.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE