

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Jay Rink, former football standout at Brother Martin High School and Tulane University.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of Representatives has learned of the death of Jay Rink on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the age of forty-seven, after a courageous five-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Rink graduated from Brother Martin High School, where he was an outstanding member of the football team; and

WHEREAS, following his senior season of high school football, Mr. Rink joined the Brother Martin High School wrestling team and won a state championship in the heavyweight division; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1986, Mr. Rink signed with Tulane University; as a member of the Green Wave football team, he set a school record with seven career fumble recoveries, a record which still remains today; and

WHEREAS, during his junior and senior year at Tulane University, Mr. Rink led the Green Wave in sacks; his thirteen career sacks remains in the top ten of Tulane history; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2010, Mr. Rink was diagnosed with ALS; in an effort to help offset medical expenses and to give back to those who fight against ALS, Mr. Rink's family and co-workers formed "Jay's Defensive Line" and hosted a festival each spring in honor of Mr. Rink; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rink remained active with Brother Martin High School after his diagnosis with ALS; he would frequently attend sporting events to show his support and pride for the Crusaders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rink is survived by his loving wife, Michelle; eight children; his sisters, Lynn Crozier and her husband Rick, and Shannon Bell and her husband Chris; his parents, Joe and Patsy Rink; many nieces and nephews; and numerous devoted friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rink will forever be remembered for his extraordinary athletic ability and his uplifting spirit; and

WHEREAS, the death of Jay Rink has left a tremendous void in his community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many individuals who knew and loved this extraordinary man.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Jay Rink, former football standout at Brother Martin High School and Tulane University; does hereby record for posterity his profound talent and outstanding abilities; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this extraordinary man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend deepest regret upon the loss of this most cherished gentleman whose legacy shall forever remain a source of tremendous pride, joy, and honor in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Jay Rink.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES