

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. James Weathersby Welch, Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. James
3 Weathersby Welch, Jr.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives were saddened
5 to learn of the passing of Dr. James Weathersby Welch, Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Welch, Sr., were pleased to welcome their only
7 son, James Weathersby Welch, Jr., fondly known as "Jim", to the family on June 18, 1937;
8 Jim joined sisters Joellen and Mary Ann in the Welch home; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim graduated from Bolton High School in 1955 and began his medical
10 training in ophthalmology at Tulane University in New Orleans, where he was chief resident
11 of his class; and

12 WHEREAS, while studying to become a doctor, Jim Welch answered the call of his
13 country and served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon in the Vietnam War; after his
14 stint in the Air Force, he returned to New Orleans to complete his medical training;
15 Dr. Welch practiced ophthalmology in his hometown of Alexandria for thirty-eight years;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Welch traveled to Mexico as a volunteer eye surgeon and worked
18 diligently to restore sight to those who could not afford traditional eye care; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Welch played tennis for many years with a group of friends, and
20 Thursday and Saturday afternoon tennis matches were among his greatest joys; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. James Welch, Jr., is survived by his wife of thirty-two years,
2 Elizabeth "Libba" Asher Welch; his children, Deborah, Cyntaya, and Julie Welch, Eleanor
3 Kuraishi, and James W. Welch, III; his grandchildren, Ben Thevenet, Cameron Thevenet,
4 C.J. Derecskey, Chaily Derecskey, and May Kuraishi; his sisters; his aunt, Pat Welch; and
5 former wife, May Louise White; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. James Welch, Jr., will be remembered by his colleagues, medical
7 personnel, and patients as a caring physician who was passionate about his profession; Dr.
8 Welch will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the
11 family and friends of Dr. James Weathersby Welch, Jr., in their time of mourning and does
12 hereby express best hopes and wishes for peace and comfort.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the family of Dr. James Weathersby Welch, Jr.

DIGEST

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