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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT, ABRAHAM, DANAHAY, AND FRANKLIN AND SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH, AND JOHN SMITH

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera, longtime head football coach at Westlake High School

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera,
3	longtime head football coach at Westlake High School.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5	Louisiana Legislature have learned of the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera on Monday,
6	March 28, 2016, at the age of sixty-seven; and
7	WHEREAS, Max Caldarera was born in Lake Charles on July 10, 1948, to Johnnie
8	and Peggy Bertrand Caldarera; and
9	WHEREAS, in 1966, he graduated from Elton High School; he furthered his
10	education at McNeese State University, where he received a degree in health and physical
11	education and a minor in English and speech in 1972; he later obtained a masters degree and
12	a plus thirty in administration and supervision; and
13	WHEREAS, he spent his life impacting the lives of students in Calcasieu Parish;
14	from 1972 through 1974, he served as the assistant coach at Merryville High School, and
15	from 1974 through 1977, he served as the assistant coach at Westlake High School; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1977, Coach Caldarera became the head football coach at Westlake
17	High School, and he served in that position until his retirement in 2011; and
18	WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure at Westlake High School, Coach Caldarera
19	had a record of 210-165; in 2007, he led the Westlake Rams to the Louisiana Superdome for
20	the Class 3A state championship game; and

1	WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was a two-time recipient of the American Press
2	Southwest Coach of the Year Award; and
3	WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was elected as a member of the Calcasieu Parish
4	School Board where he was an advocate for students and for the future of the education
5	system; he served on the Administrative and Personnel Committee, the Budget and Fiscal
6	Management Committee, and the Long Range Planning Committee; and
7	WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in
8	Westlake, where he served as an usher; and
9	WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was also a devoted outdoorsman, and he enjoyed
10	spending time with his family and friends; and
11	WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera made a positive impact on the lives of many young
12	men that he coached, and because he was so envied and respected, he created a lasting
13	legacy; and
14	WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Caldarera; his
15	stepmother, Jeanette Caldarera; and his stepfather, Enice Smith; and
16	WHEREAS, left to cherish Coach Caldarera's memory are his wife of forty-six years,
17	Wanda LeJeune Caldarera; his son, Max "Pistol" Caldarera, II, and his wife Jada; his
18	daughter, Kimberly Caldarera Dixon and her husband Don; his grandchildren, Dustin
19	Duhon, Braden Duhon, Elysia Caldarera, Olyvia Caldarera, and Max "Little Boy" Caldarera,
20	III; his mother, Peggy Bertrand Smith; his brothers, Jay Caldarera and his wife Gloria,
21	Charles Caldarera and his wife Mary Lou, and Stanley Caldarera and his wife Carey; his
22	sisters, Becky Tholkes and her husband Larry and Marlene Caldarera; and numerous nieces
23	and nephews; and
24	WHEREAS, although the death of Coach Caldarera has left a tremendous void in the
25	high school athletic community, Calcasieu Parish, and in the lives of his family, friends,
26	students, and players, this uniquely gifted gentleman shall live forever in the minds, hearts,
27	and memories of all who knew and loved him.
28	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29	express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera,
30	longtime head football coach at Westlake High School; does hereby record for posterity his

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- 1 singular contributions and achievements; and does hereby express gratitude for the indelible
- 2 mark that his enduring legacy has left upon Calcasieu Parish and the state of Louisiana.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 4 to the family of Frank "Max" Caldarera.

DIGEST

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