

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera,
longtime head football coach at Westlake High School.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
Louisiana Legislature have learned of the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera on Monday,
March 28, 2016, at the age of sixty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Max Caldarera was born in Lake Charles on July 10, 1948, to Johnnie
and Peggy Bertrand Caldarera; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, he graduated from Elton High School; he furthered his
education at McNeese State University, where he received a degree in health and physical
education and a minor in English and speech in 1972; he later obtained a masters degree and
a plus thirty in administration and supervision; and

WHEREAS, he spent his life impacting the lives of students in Calcasieu Parish;
from 1972 through 1974, he served as the assistant coach at Merryville High School, and
from 1974 through 1977, he served as the assistant coach at Westlake High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Coach Caldarera became the head football coach at Westlake
High School, and he served in that position until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure at Westlake High School, Coach Caldarera
had a record of 210-165; in 2007, he led the Westlake Rams to the Louisiana Superdome for
the Class 3A state championship game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was a two-time recipient of the American Press
Southwest Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was elected as a member of the Calcasieu Parish School Board where he was an advocate for students and for the future of the education system; he served on the Administrative and Personnel Committee, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, and the Long Range Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Westlake, where he served as an usher; and

WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera was also a devoted outdoorsman, and he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Coach Caldarera made a positive impact on the lives of many young men that he coached, and because he was so envied and respected, he created a lasting legacy; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Caldarera; his stepmother, Jeanette Caldarera; and his stepfather, Enice Smith; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish Coach Caldarera's memory are his wife of forty-six years, Wanda LeJeune Caldarera; his son, Max "Pistol" Caldarera, II, and his wife Jada; his daughter, Kimberly Caldarera Dixon and her husband Don; his grandchildren, Dustin Duhon, Braden Duhon, Elysia Caldarera, Olyvia Caldarera, and Max "Little Boy" Caldarera, III; his mother, Peggy Bertrand Smith; his brothers, Jay Caldarera and his wife Gloria, Charles Caldarera and his wife Mary Lou, and Stanley Caldarera and his wife Carey; his sisters, Becky Tholkes and her husband Larry and Marlene Caldarera; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Coach Caldarera has left a tremendous void in the high school athletic community, Calcasieu Parish, and in the lives of his family, friends, students, and players, this uniquely gifted gentleman shall live forever in the minds, hearts, and memories of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Frank "Max" Caldarera, longtime head football coach at Westlake High School; does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and achievements; and does hereby express gratitude for the indelible mark that his enduring legacy has left upon Calcasieu Parish and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Frank "Max" Caldarera.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE