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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Maury Drummond

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former
3	director of the Louisiana Naval War Memorial and the U.S.S. Kidd Veterans
4	Memorial and Museum, Maury Drummond.
5	WHEREAS, the members of the House were saddened to learn of the death on
6	Sunday, May 1, 2016, of Maury Drummond; and
7	WHEREAS, for twenty-two years at the helm of the Louisiana Naval War Memorial
8	and the U.S.S. Kidd Veterans Memorial and Museum, Mr. Drummond implemented
9	programs and exhibits that lured tourists to Baton Rouge, making the Kidd the gold standard
10	for ship exhibits; and
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Drummond's love of history and interest in model ship building led
12	him from the insurance industry to his first post as second executive director of the
13	museums, and once there, Mr. Drummond convinced veterans to donate their memorabilia
14	and model makers to share their scaled-down ships, bringing vitality and viability to the
15	exhibits; and
16	WHEREAS, naval groups in Washington were prompted by Mr. Drummond to help
17	plan the walk-through reconstruction of the U.S.S. Constitution, and he put his promotional
18	skills to good use, finding sponsors to help pay for new museum offerings; and
19	WHEREAS, such innovative ideas as allowing children to spend the night aboard the
20	Kidd, families celebrating Independence Day aboard the ship, and prevailing upon veterans
21	of naval destroyers to visit the exhibits and to reminisce were developed and implemented

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to the family of Maury Drummond.

1 by Mr. Drummond and greatly increased the visitor traffic to the U.S.S. Kidd and the 2 Louisiana Naval War Memorial; and 3 WHEREAS, a consummate fundraiser, Mr. Drummond convinced the captains and 4 curators of other ships to visit Baton Rouge: the nineteenth century sailing ship Elissa graced 5 the Mississippi waters near the U.S.S. Kidd, and a reproduction of Christopher Columbus's 6 *Pinta* and more modern vessels sailed into Baton Rouge; these exhibits increased ticket sales 7 and allowed the memorial, which received no state funding, to stay in operation; and 8 WHEREAS, the staff of the museums recall Mr. Drummond as the heart of the 9 memorial; his departure at the age of seventy-four leaves a profound sense of sadness but 10 his years as director will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and 13 former colleagues of Maury Drummond and does hereby express hopes that his legacy will 14 live on. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

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Expresses sympathy upon the death of former La. Naval War Memorial and $U.S.S.\ Kidd$ director Maury Drummond.