

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Alvarez Hertzock Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Alvarez Hertzock Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Alvarez Hertzock Sr.
6 on May 12, 2016, at the age of eighty-six; and

7 WHEREAS, Alvarez Joseph Hertzock Sr. was born on April 21, 1930, to Alphonse
8 Hertzock and Carrie Etta Conrad in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a veteran of the United States Navy where he served a total of
10 thirteen years; during four years of active duty, he served three tours in Korea; and he
11 proudly wore the insignia of his ship, the USS De Haven, on his cap; and

12 WHEREAS, Alvarez Hertzock was very active in veterans' affairs and held
13 memberships in several organizations including the American Legion Post 514 and Veterans
14 of Foreign Wars Post 2483 and also honorary membership in the USS Kidd; he was proud
15 to serve as a master of Morse code; and

16 WHEREAS, a cause he held close to his heart was to one day see himself and
17 thousands of other Korean War veterans across the country receive their long overdue
18 commendation medals from the South Korean government and that day came on September

1 16, 2000 at Evangeline Downs; and

2 WHEREAS, he was most known for playing Taps at many local veterans' funerals
3 and celebrations including Veterans Day and Memorial Day as the bugler; and

4 WHEREAS, Alvarez Hertzock was a Southern University alumnus who earned a
5 degree in Industrial Arts Electronics; and

6 WHEREAS, he was president of the Holy Family Alumni Association and member
7 of Holy Ghost Catholic Church before becoming a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Angels
8 Catholic Church where he was a choir member, a parish council member, confirmation
9 teacher, lector, and membership director for the Knights of Columbus Queen of Angels
10 Council 11270, Knights of Peter Claver of Holy Ghost Catholic Church; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a Scoutmaster of a boy scout troop in Opelousas in the 1970s
12 when he guided local youth including his own sons who were also boy scouts in his troop;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, he retired from the state as a social worker in 1986 and worked at
15 various jobs part-time including working at Opelousas City Court, the St. Landry Parish
16 Assessor's office, was supervisor of an afterschool tutorial program at South Street
17 Elementary School, and was a member of the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, his philosophy, "Serve God, Family, Country", will forever sound, as
20 will his bugle to those who knew and loved him as his musical talents fused with his love
21 of poetry, allowing him to create incredible sounds and thought-provoking rhythmic poems;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father Alphonse Hertzock, mother
24 Carrie Etta Conrad, sister Juliette Hertzock, brother Romeo Hertzock and adopted sister
25 Marion Lastrapes; and

26 WHEREAS, Alvarez Hertzock, Sr. is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years,
27 Patricia Thompson Hertzock; five children, Alvarez Hertzock II (Carol), Darla Hertzock
28 Montgomery (Alex), Lucretia Hertzock, Patrice Hertzock-Barnes (Walter), and Conrad
29 Hertzock (fiancé Lucretia Chancler); seven grandchildren, Brianne Montgomery Sanford
30 (Jeromy), Alvarez Hertzock III, Alexis Montgomery, Arianne Hertzock, Cameron Hertzock,

