

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 238

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former
3 heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Louisiana House of Representatives learned of the death of Muhammad Ali, a legendary
6 boxing champion, on Friday, June 3, 2016, at the age of seventy-four; and

7 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali was nicknamed "The Greatest"; he rose to fame in 1960
8 after winning the light-heavyweight gold at the Rome Olympics; and

9 WHEREAS, he quickly rose through the heavyweight ranks; he delighted crowds
10 with his showboating, shuffling feet, and lightning reflexes; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1964, he beat Sonny Liston to win his first world title, and he became
12 the first boxer to capture a world heavyweight title on three separate occasions; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1981, he retired after winning fifty-six out of sixty-one fights; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a civil rights advocate and a poet who transcended the bounds
15 of sport, race, and nationality; and

16 WHEREAS, former United States President Bill Clinton described Muhammad Ali
17 as "courageous in the ring, inspiring to the young, compassionate to those in need, and
18 strong and good humored in bearing the burden of his own health challenges"; and

19 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali stated he wanted to be known "as a man who never sold
20 out his people. But if that's too much, then just a good boxer"; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout his notable career, Muhammad Ali earned the abiding
2 admiration and respect of his fellow Americans and citizens in countries throughout the
3 world; and

4 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali's life was a gift to the world, and it is wholly
5 appropriate to express condolences upon his death.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of former
8 heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali; does hereby recognize his life as a treasure
9 to the United States and the world; and does hereby record for posterity his legendary
10 contributions as a champion boxer.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
12 to the family of Muhammad Ali.

DIGEST

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