

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Herman Bernard "Barney" Schoenberger, former sheriff, assessor, and state representative from Plaquemines Parish

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Herman

3 Bernard "Barney" Schoenberger of Plaquemines Parish.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate

5 were saddened to learn of the death on December 1, 2016, of Herman Bernard "Barney"

6 Schoenberger; he was ninety years old; and

7 WHEREAS, Barney Schoenberger was a Renaissance man; he graduated from Buras

8 High School in 1942, enrolled at Tulane University, and earned a law degree from Tulane

9 Law School at the age of twenty; this remarkable man was the youngest law graduate from

10 Tulane at the time, but he had to wait a year to meet the minimum age requirement to be

11 admitted to the Louisiana Bar, in 1947; he opened a law firm in Buras; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Schoenberger was elected as a state representative from

13 Plaquemines Parish; he served in the Louisiana House of Representatives until 1967, when

14 he was elected as the parish assessor; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1969, Barney Schoenberger was elected sheriff of Plaquemines

16 Parish; he served fifteen years and was unopposed in his last two elections; he served on the

17 legislative committee and board of directors of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association; and

18 WHEREAS, his strong civic ties and hometown pride kept Barney Schoenberger

19 active in his community; he served as Plaquemines Parish administrator and legislative

20 consultant, was an organizer for the Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival in 1946,

1 prepared the event's first charter in 1947, and served on the board of directors and as
2 secretary-general manager of the fair and festival; he was crowned Orange King in 1961;
3 Barney's family was one of the largest citrus growers in the parish and owned the Honey
4 Brand label; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Schoenberger was a board member of Delta Bank and Trust
6 Company; he was a member and served as secretary and vice president of the 25th Judicial
7 District Bar Association, was a charter member of the Buras Fire Department, and served
8 as president and secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Baseball League; Barney Schoenberger
9 was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus; he served as president of the Holy
10 Name Society and the Plaquemines Lions Club; and he was a member of the Elks Club, the
11 Empire Citizens Organization, the Public Affairs Research Council, the Chamber of
12 Commerce, the Peace Officers Association, and the National Sheriff's Association; and

13 WHEREAS, a unique characteristic of "Mr. Barney", as he was affectionately called
14 by those who worked with him, was his ability to recite from memory the charter of
15 Plaquemines Parish and provisions in the state constitution related to his beloved parish; and

16 WHEREAS, except for his years as sheriff, Barney Schoenberger practiced law; he
17 was known for his integrity and often was referred to as "Mr. Clean"; and

18 WHEREAS, a passion of Barney Schoenberger was oration; he enjoyed speaking at
19 Lions Clubs meetings, fire departments, graduations, and political gatherings; and

20 WHEREAS, Barney was a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Harbor Catholic Church
21 in Buras; he attended St. Ann Catholic Church in Empire in his later years; and

22 WHEREAS, the absence of Herman Bernard Schoenberger will be most deeply felt
23 by his wife of sixty-nine years, Jo Ann Brandon; his daughter, Bonnie Jo Thomas, and her
24 husband Robert; and his grandson, Robert S. "Schoeny" Thomas, and his fiancée Brittain
25 Brown; yet, memories of good times shared with him will remain; and

26 WHEREAS, Barney Schoenberger was an extraordinary public servant who never
27 refused to help anyone; his life was devoted to the people of Plaquemines Parish, and his
28 dignified, statesman-like bearing are etched forever into the minds and hearts of all who
29 knew and loved him, and with his passing, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 express heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Herman Bernard "Barney"
3 Schoenberger; does hereby record for posterity his exemplary life of public service; and does
4 hereby extend best hopes and prayers for peace and comfort to all who mourn his passing.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to the family of Barney Schoenberger.

DIGEST

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