

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former state representative
Reed Henderson

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
3 Reed Stephen Henderson.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, Reed
6 Stephen Henderson, on Tuesday, September, 20, 2016, at the age of sixty-three; and

7 WHEREAS, Reed Stephen Henderson was widely respected, admired, and beloved
8 as a political leader and entrepreneur; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was the son of the late Ashley and Kathleen Cantrell
10 Henderson; and

11 WHEREAS, from 2008 until 2012, Mr. Henderson served as a dedicated member of
12 the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and
13 productive legislator to serve his constituency in Orleans Parish and St. Bernard Parish and
14 the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, commodity
16 trader, and licensed stock broker, Representative Henderson served as a member of the
17 Democratic Caucus, the Louisiana Rural Caucus, and the Orleans Delegation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his
19 fellow citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; he served with great
20 diligence as member of the House Committee on Commerce, the House Committee on

1 Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Retirement, and the Select
2 Committee on Hurricane Recovery; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson served as a St. Bernard Parish sheriff's deputy; he was
4 also a highly successful entrepreneur and lobbyist for the St. Bernard Parish Port; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was a devoted lifetime parishioner of Our Lady of
6 Lourdes Catholic Church in Violet, Louisiana, where he served as lector and catechism
7 teacher and was an honored member of the Knights of Columbus; and

8 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Hope Martin
9 Henderson; children, Joshua Reed Henderson, Eric M. Henderson, and his wife Joelle,
10 Zachary S. Henderson, and Heather Henderson DuBose, and her husband Daniel; sisters,
11 Janice Doran and Ashlie Rodriguez, and her husband Roland; grandchildren, Elijah, Kate,
12 Noah, Tristan, Lyla, Logan, Isabella, Zoe, Abigail, and Grant; niece, Ashley Doran Powell;
13 nephews, John Doran, III, Ross Rodriguez, and Dane Rodriguez; and a host of other nieces,
14 nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was preceded in death by his late wife, Deborah
16 Desselle Henderson; parents, Ashley and Kathleen Cantrell Henderson; and nephew, Kurt
17 Rodriguez; and

18 WHEREAS, those who knew Mr. Henderson remember him as an iconic politician,
19 and a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend; and

20 WHEREAS, the death of Reed Stephen Henderson has left a great void and created
21 a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative
22 family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and
23 community so well and so passionately; and

24 WHEREAS, Reed Stephen Henderson leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and
25 is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service
26 and his dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative Reed
29 Stephen Henderson; does hereby recognize that his legacy of dedicated public service shall

1 forever endure; and does hereby record for posterity the abiding appreciation of the citizens
2 of Louisiana for his extraordinary contributions and achievements.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the family of Reed Stephen Henderson.

DIGEST

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