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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR WARD

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the passing of Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux.

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of
Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux, former mayor and town clerk of the village of
Rosedale, Louisiana, and to celebrate the rich legacy of public service and
accomplishment that he leaves to his community and state.
WHEREAS, it is with great admiration and civic pride that the late Lawrence J.
"Football" Badeaux is recognized as the longest serving public official in Louisiana, having
held the positions of mayor, town clerk, port commissioner, and notary public, with over
sixty years of service; and
WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Badeaux possessed a keen sense of fairness, hard work, and
civic dedication; he won the confidence of the voters and the respect of local leaders to serve
as the town clerk of Rosedale for seventeen years, its mayor for twenty-eight years, and
maintenance supervisor for the municipal public works department for six years; and
WHEREAS, his diligence brought to fruition numerous municipal projects such as
city planning, public utilities, drainage, and the construction of a new Rosedale branch of
the Iberville Parish Library; and
WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Badeaux never entertained an idle moment; his enthusiasm
for life and work was palpable; he was a dynamo of energy; and his effervescence and kind

1	nature charmed all who met him; and
2	WHEREAS, Mr. Badeaux served as a member and president of the Louisiana Port
3	Commission for sixteen years, as a member of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool for
4	fifteen years, as a board member and customer relations representative for the Louisiana
5	Municipal Association (LMA) in risk management for twenty-four years, and as a notary
6	public for over fifty years; and
7	WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux was born on September 8, 1931, to
8	parents Marecelin and Emily Badeaux in Grosse Tete and grew up on the property now
9	known as Angelloz Plantation; and
10	WHEREAS, his diligent work ethic began in his youth with selling newspapers,
11	earning enough money to purchase his first vehicle, a Ford Model-A truck; and he would
12	later have a successful career in sales and own two grocery stores; and
13	WHEREAS, Lawrence Badeaux served his country in the United States Navy during
14	the Korean Conflict and achieved the rank of Machinist's Mate Petty Officer, First Class; and
15	WHEREAS, as a man of unfaltering faith, he was a longtime member of St. Joseph
16	Catholic Church and was a Fourth Degree and Charter Grand Knight of J. D. Amedee
17	Council No. 12068 of the Knights of Columbus; and
18	WHEREAS, the love of his life was Thelma Becnel Badeaux, and they were married
19	sixty-three years at the time of his passing; together they celebrated a life of devotion to each
20	other; their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, eighteen grandchildren, and
21	eighteen great-grandchildren; and
22	WHEREAS, Lawrence wrote his autobiography entitled, "Just Call Him Football",
23	a book that recalled the origin of his nickname; as a youngster of slight stature, his older
24	classmates took pleasure in tossing him in the air like a "football"; and
25	WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux was an extraordinary gentleman who
26	clearly demonstrated during his lifetime his dedication to his family, community, state, and
27	nation; and
28	WHEREAS, upon his death on March 24, 2017, the state of Louisiana lost a unique
29	individual who left an indelible mark upon his community and the lives of all those who
30	knew and loved him; and who unselfishly dedicated his life to public service and the

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1 betterment of others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
express sincere condolences upon the passing of Lawrence J. "Football" Badeaux and does
hereby pay tribute to his remarkable legacy of public service.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his

6 widow, Mrs. Thelma B. Badeaux.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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