

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR PERRY AND REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND MIGUEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge
Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. of Abbeville, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Judicial District Fifteen Judge Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. died peacefully on March 5, 2017, at his home and surrounded by his family; and

WHEREAS, beginning his education in Catholic and public schools, Judge Broussard graduated from high school at St. Stanislas College in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1946 as a private in the United States Army, and during his service he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1952, First Lieutenant in 1956, and he was honorably discharged from the army on January 14, 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard married Barbara Schlesinger of Abbeville in 1951, and the couple enjoyed a wonderful marriage raising six children and in later years, shared their love and joy with a family enriched by grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard Jr. earned a bachelor of art's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and in 1955 he graduated from law school at Loyola University of the South in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana on June 10, 1955, having received the 1953 Dean's award, given annually to recognize the first year student with the highest grade point average; he was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, a national Honor Society for law students; Blue Key; and on the Loyola Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard returned to his native Abbeville in 1955 and together

with his father, Marcus A. Broussard Sr., they established the firm of Broussard and Broussard; with a later addition of Paul G. Moresi Jr., the firm was again renamed Broussard, Broussard and Moresi; and

WHEREAS, in August 1958, Marcus Broussard Jr. was appointed by the governor to serve as Abbeville's first city judge, a position created by the legislature in the 1958 session; and

WHEREAS, Judge Broussard was elected to the position of city judge of Abbeville in 1960 and was continually reelected without opposition until his retirement from the bench in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Broussard Jr. and his father were joined in the law firm by a third generation, Edward B. Broussard, who eventually followed in his father's footsteps and was elected Abbeville city court judge; and

WHEREAS, following the retirement from the bench of Judge Marcus Broussard, the Louisiana Supreme Court appointed him to sit as judge pro tempore in the Fifteenth District Court, encompassing the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, and served in that position from 1982 until 1990 and from 1997 through 1998; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marcus Broussard was selected Abbeville's "Outstanding Citizen" in 1963, recognizing his contributions to his native town; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 and 1966, Judge Broussard served as president of the Abbeville Human Relations Council and was a member of that council for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Broussard served his community in numerous ways over the years, was a charter member of the town's Kiwanis Club, served as its president for two years and was selected as the club's Outstanding Member for 1963 and 1964, and in the years 1967 through 1970, he served as chairman of the Kiwanis Fishing Rodeo, an important community event; and

WHEREAS, Judge Broussard's civic contributions also included serving as a member of the board of directors of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce for many years and served as president of the chamber from 1965 through 1967, was a member and past president of the Abbeville Country Club, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus as a Fourth Degree Knight; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Anson Broussard Jr., an attorney, a judge, a family man, and a leading citizen of Abbeville, leaves a legacy of commitment to his family, his faith, the law, and his beloved native town which marks a long life, well lived.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere condolences upon the death of Judge Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. of Abbeville, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Barbara Schlesinger Broussard.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES