

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 241

BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT, ABRAHAM, DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GUINN,
HENSGENS, AND HILL

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht of Bell City, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the members of the House were saddened to learn of the death on June 6, 2017, of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht, at the age of seventy-nine; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu was born on September 25, 1937, in Big Lake, to Walter and Mary Granger LeBleu, and was raised in Sweet Lake; Ethel was a lifelong resident of Cameron Parish; her sister, Betty LeBleu LaBove, and her parents preceded her to eternity; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Mae graduated in 1955 from Grand Lake High School; she was an avid bowler in her youth and bowled in a number of leagues; she enjoyed playing softball, granny basketball, and racquetball, was a self-taught artist, and had a stand-in role in "Little Chenier"; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu married the love of her life, Charles Precht, Jr., a fruitful union of sixty-one years that was blessed with two sons; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Precht was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, the Order of the Eastern Star, Handel's Messiah Choir, and volunteered with the Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, a breast cancer survivor, Ethel Precht dedicated her name and time to the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, which hosted an annual Walk for Hope; the walk grew from a few hundred participants to nearly five thousand at its twelfth iteration, held in October 2016, and proceeds from the walk were disbursed directly to breast cancer patients in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes for their treatment; the quality of life of almost seven hundred cancer survivors has been enriched through the charitable efforts of this champion for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Precht founded Helping Others through Personal Experiences, HOPE, an organization dedicated to helping abused women; she received Citizen of the Year awards from the city of Lake Charles and the state of Louisiana; she also had the honor of carrying the 1996 Olympic Torch; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Precht enjoyed traveling and spending time on the water; she sailed on more than forty cruises; and

WHEREAS, the impact Ethel Precht made on the citizens of southwest Louisiana during her life will be felt for many years to come; she was a model of the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles; her sons, Charles, and his wife Donna, and Kelly, and his wife Corrie; her grandchildren, Kari Precht, Kourtney, and her husband Bobby LaFargue, Ashton Precht, David Daigle, and his wife Megan, Brian Daigle, and his wife Tori, Natalie, and her husband Corey Leger, Adam Precht, and his wife Alicia, and Molly Precht; her great-grandchildren, Keighan, Blakely, and Darby Precht, Brady LaFargue, Hunter, Easton, Grayson, and Luke Daigle, and August and Maren Leger; and

WHEREAS, the open hands and heart of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht will truly be missed by all who knew and loved this caring, extraordinary woman; with the passing of Ethel Precht, Louisiana has lost one of her finest daughters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht upon her passing; does hereby record for posterity the outstanding accomplishments she made in advancing the cause of curing breast cancer and offering assistance to abused women; and does hereby offer sincerest thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles Precht, Jr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES