

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Donald Usie.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Donald John Usie on July 19, 2017, at the age of seventy-one; and

WHEREAS, Donald John Usie was the son of the late Leed Usie and the former Pearl Dejean, and a resident of Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in his youth, Mr. Usie was known among his peers as an athlete who excelled in basketball and track and was awarded All State honors; and

WHEREAS, he was a legend in the clothing industry, owning Partner's LTD where he never met a stranger, any customer who visited his store left a friend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Usie was true to his Cajun roots and those who were lucky enough to have eaten his crab or crawfish etouffee remembered the experience for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, his love of food was only surpassed by his love for his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Usie's generosity was matched by none and he had a heart of gold; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Mavis Usie; his children, Nealy Usie, Nicholas Usie, and Jeanne Tognela; grandchildren, Griffin Usie, Taylor Williams, Reese Williams, Wyatt Usie, Ian Usie, Collin Usie, Harrison Tognela, and Raleigh Tognela; and siblings, John Usie, Norman Usie, Charlene Blanchard, and Carrie Collette; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Donald John Usie, Louisiana has lost one of its finest sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and whose accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon our community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Usie's passing has left a substantial void in the Lafayette community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Donald Usie and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Lafayette community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Donald Usie.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE