

1 great-grandchildren with another on the way, James Ernest Craft, Mary Taylor Craft,
2 Thomas Casey Craft, Peter Henderson Craft, Edmund Fitzgerald Stanton, and Frances
3 Faustina Stanton; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Jesuit High School, Loyola University, and Loyola
5 School of Law where he was a member of Law Review; and

6 WHEREAS, he was named Alumnus of the Year by Jesuit High School, and awarded
7 an Honorary Doctor of Law by Loyola Law School; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army
9 Military Police Corps in the Korean War; and

10 WHEREAS, he practiced law with his family firm, Casey, Babin and Casey, and as
11 Special Counsel with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Casey served for twenty years as a member of the Louisiana
13 Legislature, first in the House of Representatives, 1968 to 1975, where he chaired the House
14 Civil Law and Procedure Committee and then in the Louisiana Senate, 1976 to 1988, where
15 he was chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Young Turks, a group of newly
17 elected legislators who brought much needed reforms to the Louisiana Legislature; he served
18 as floor leader in the House for the City of New Orleans for Mayor Maurice Edwin "Moon"
19 Landrieu and floor leader in the Senate for Governor David Treen; and

20 WHEREAS, he received the Alliance for Good Government Legislator of the Year
21 Award in 1972, 1976, 1979, 1981, and 1983; and

22 WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as vice chairman of the Louisiana Constitutional
23 Convention 1973 and as executive counsel to Governor Buddy Roemer; and

24 WHEREAS, his service in the Louisiana Legislature, in the Constitutional
25 Convention, and as executive counsel was defined by the practical, not the political; was
26 defined by his passion for the law and by his belief in a well-crafted law's ability to improve
27 and sometimes transform lives, as, for example, when he authored, in conjunction with Janet
28 Mary Riley, the present Louisiana Community Property Law which did away with the "head
29 and master" rules which governed property acquired during a marriage; and

30 WHEREAS, Tom Casey sponsored and handled passage in the Senate for the

1 controversial Louisiana Right to Work law; and

2 WHEREAS, for ten years he chaired the Committee on Suggested State Legislation
3 for the National Council of State Governments; he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme
4 Court to the Louisiana Indigent Defender Board and served as its first chairman; he
5 represented the Louisiana Senate as a member of the Louisiana Law Institute and a member
6 of the Louisiana Judicial Council; and he represented Louisiana as a Commissioner on the
7 National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom Casey received the Weiss Brotherhood Award from the National
9 Conference of Christians and Jews for Distinguished Service in Human Relations; he was
10 a recipient of the Monte M. Lemann Award from the Louisiana Civil Service League; and
11 he was honored by the Public Law Center where he was a founding member and on the
12 board of directors; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association,
14 chairman of Loyola Law Alumni, chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Visiting
15 Committee at Loyola Law School, and chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the
16 New Orleans Bar Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom Casey was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce,
18 chairman of the Jesuit High School President's Advisory Council, a member of the Board
19 of Trustees of Dominican College, a member of the Ursuline Academy Advisory Council,
20 and president of the Jesuit High School Parents Club; and

21 WHEREAS, above all he adored his wife of almost sixty-five years, Mary Katherine,
22 and was deeply committed to his Catholic faith as he and Kathy attended daily Mass
23 together; and

24 WHEREAS, Tom Casey cherished and valued time with his children, grandchildren,
25 great-grandchildren, and beloved nieces and nephews, as the house was constantly filled
26 with numerous extended family members celebrating endless birthdays, holidays, and life
27 events; and

28 WHEREAS, he loved traveling; in earlier years before seatbelts, he and Kathy would
29 pile the five children into the back of the station wagon and travel the United States; in later
30 years he and Kathy enjoyed international travel, visiting more than fifty countries; and

