

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATORS ALARIO AND PEACOCK

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of lobbyist, Paul Gallagher.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Paul
3 Tudor Gallagher and to note his many contributions made on the behalf of this body.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great remorse that the Legislature of Louisiana bids farewell
5 to Paul Gallagher, who shall be remembered as a distinguished lobbyist and attorney-at-law;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, for over three decades Paul Gallagher was an integral part of the state
8 capitol community lending his credibility and confidence to the legislative process; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul was nearly destined to work within the legislative branch of
10 government; when, as an undergraduate at Louisiana State University, he was employed as
11 a student worker for the Louisiana Legislative Council and later was appointed as head page
12 during several legislative sessions; and

13 WHEREAS, reared in Shreveport, Louisiana, by parents Judge Andrew and Marilyn
14 Gallagher, he graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 1975, where he excelled in tennis
15 and debate; and

16 WHEREAS, Paul earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Public
17 Administration from LSU in 1979 and a Juris Doctor from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center
18 at LSU in 1982; and

1 WHEREAS, he joined the law firm of Broadhurst, Brook, Mangham, Hardy, Rolfs
2 and Abadie; he then established a sole proprietorship lobbying firm for the next thirty years
3 and later was retained as counsel for Harris, DeVille & Associates; and

4 WHEREAS, affable, charming, and outgoing, Paul Gallagher gained the respect of
5 his clients and peers for his acumen for negotiating compromise; and

6 WHEREAS, a consummate mediator, Paul understood the ways and means of the
7 legislative system and was well-versed in Louisiana's political scene; he could discern the
8 various viewpoints in a debate, diplomatically arrive at the heart of the matter, and strike an
9 accord; his work ethic was based on the tenets of honesty, integrity, diligence, and attention
10 to detail; and

11 WHEREAS, at over six feet in height and lanky in stature, Paul could be seen
12 striding quietly to committee meetings absorbed in thought; he provided excellent
13 representation for oil and gas, banking, real estate, insurance, and business interests; and

14 WHEREAS, Paul represented many business concerns that include, the American
15 Council of Life Insurance, Harris, DeVille & Associates, the Alchemind Group, Churchill
16 Downs/Fair Grounds Race Course, Penn Gaming International, Takeda Pharmaceuticals
17 America, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Citgo Petroleum, Coalition for Common Sense,
18 Coalition to Insure Louisiana, Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Hilcorp Energy, Louisiana Realtors
19 Association, Louisiana State Medical Society, Ochsner Health, Sasol North America, and
20 the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants; and

21 WHEREAS, Paul Gallagher was a friend for life; he possessed an innate ability to
22 befriend nearly any individual no matter how diametrically opposed their political positions
23 may have been; and

24 WHEREAS, Paul had a playful side as well; with an affable demeanor, he was
25 always ready for any kind of amusement or recreation; he loved the companionship of
26 friends and family; he liked tennis, hunting, and fishing; and he enjoyed horse racing and
27 exotic wagering; and

28 WHEREAS, Paul was a kind and generous individual who appreciated everyone
29 close to him; and he was well respected among his fellow lobbyists and the numerous
30 legislators he served throughout the years; and

1 WHEREAS, during his lifetime Paul traveled freely in the inner circles of seven
2 governors: Edwin Edwards, Dave Treen, Buddy Roemer, Mike Foster, Kathleen Blanco,
3 Bobby Jindal, and John Bel Edwards; and

4 WHEREAS, Paul Gallagher was loyal, thoughtful, and kind with a generosity of
5 spirit that enriched the lives of all who knew the pleasure of his company; and

6 WHEREAS, he valiantly fought the good fight against cancer with extraordinary
7 grace, strength of will, and faith; he lived each moment of his life fully with little regret; and

8 WHEREAS, surrounded by friends and loved ones, Paul slipped away from this life
9 on January 18, 2018, to his eternal rest; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul is survived by his parents, Judge Andrew and Marilyn Gallagher,
11 his sister, Laura Amberson and her husband, Joe, John Gallagher and his wife, Camille, and
12 Patrick Gallagher and his wife, Mary, nieces and nephews, Claire and Kace Phillips, Harris
13 Amberson, Davis Gallagher, Whitney Scroggins, and Ethan, Emma, and Evan Chamberlain,
14 and a host of beloved friends.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 express its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of distinguished lobbyist, Paul
17 T. Gallagher, and does hereby celebrate his stalwart dedication to the legislative process.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 family of Paul T. Gallagher.

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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