

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the passing of Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Panola Pepper Corporation founder, Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature
5 of Louisiana have learned of the death of Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr. at the age of
6 eighty-three; and

7 WHEREAS, Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr. was a native of Lake Providence,
8 Louisiana, born on March 8, 1934; and

9 WHEREAS, a humble and thoughtful man, he founded the Panola Pepper
10 Corporation in 1983 so his farmhands could have work through the winter months; and

11 WHEREAS, he and the workers cooked the first batch of Panola Gourmet using his
12 mother's stovetop recipe and stored it in one of the farm's barns; and

13 WHEREAS, the Panola Gourmet batch sold out within three months so they decided
14 to bottle the sauce fulltime; and

15 WHEREAS, the company operates north of Lake Providence, Louisiana, near the
16 levee; and

17 WHEREAS, the company bottles its own brands as well as produces and bottles
18 other companies' recipes for a global clientele; and

1 WHEREAS, the company bottles Panola sauces and allows other companies like
2 Family Dollar Store to put their own label on the Panola Sauces; and

3 WHEREAS, Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr.'s daughter, Katie Brown Coullard, and
4 her husband, Mike Coullard, took over from Mr. Brown as president and chief executive,
5 and have run the company for several years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a loving, dedicated, and devoted husband to his wife,
7 Jennie Lou Ropp Brown, and a committed father, a cherished grandfather and relative whose
8 love of family was of the utmost importance in his life; and

9 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
10 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
11 of men like Mr. Brown who use their kind and compassionate hearts, and their considerable
12 knowledge, talents, and resources to make a difference not only for this generation but for
13 all of our future generations.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby honor the life of Grady Wyly "Bubber" Brown Sr. and acknowledge his
16 enormous contributions to the improvement of his state, city, and community and recognize
17 him as an extraordinary man who will live long in the hearts of the many people whose lives
18 he touched.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
20 widow Jennie Lou Ropp Brown.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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