

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE