

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Leslie B. Lampton of Jackson, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Leslie B. Lampton at the age of ninety-two; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie Lampton Sr. and Jinx Anastasia Porcine Lampton, his sister Jennie Dehmer, and his niece Diane Dehmer Dinkins; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife Dorothy Lee Crum Lampton (Dodie); children Leslie B. Lampton III, Lee Crum Lampton, William W. Lampton (Bill), Robert H. Lampton, their spouses, ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and a nephew; and

WHEREAS, happily married for sixty-nine years, he met his loving wife Dodie in junior high school in 1940, and they were married on May 8, 1948; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict and graduating from Ole Miss, Mr. Lampton returned to his hometown of Jackson, Mississippi, with a plan to enter the oil business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lampton was a businessman, philanthropist, and founder of Ergon, the energy-based company he established in 1954; and

WHEREAS, he served at the helm of Ergon and oversaw its growth into an empire that provides jobs to over two thousand six hundred employees in Mississippi, along with twenty-nine other states, and several countries; and

WHEREAS, while other businesses were moving to Texas during the oil boom years, Mr. Lampton made a commitment to remain in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he was a generous man and supported countless charities, including medical, educational, and religious organizations in the communities where Ergon has a presence; and

WHEREAS, during recent hurricanes, floods, and storms, Ergon, under Mr. Lampton's guidance, served meals to over fifteen thousand first responders and relief workers; and

WHEREAS, he also organized meals for the state's Department of Transportation employees who were working countless hours on road and infrastructure reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lampton was a member of the Catholic Church and his faith was the guiding influence in his life; and

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Lampton has left an abiding void in the many lives he touched throughout his life, and his memory shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of all those who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its heartfelt condolences upon the death of Leslie B. Lampton and does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy of service that will continue to inspire a new generation of business leaders and be a source of great pride and honor for his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Leslie B. Lampton.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE