

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY SENATOR MILLS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Mitchell "Mike" Trahan.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Mitchell "Mike" Trahan.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 learned of the death of Mitchell "Mike" Trahan on May 7, 2018, at the age of ninety-three;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan was born to the late Claude Trahan Sr. and Leontine Berard
8 Trahan, was one of seven children, and grew up in the small community of Grand Anse in
9 St. Martin Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, he learned about having a good work ethic at a young age by working
11 each day before and after school; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and
13 was ranked as a Gunner's Mate 1st Class; and

14 WHEREAS, he was quickly nicknamed "Frenchie" because of his ability to fluently
15 speak French and was appointed the translator on the ship; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan participated in eighteen invasions and "Milk Runs" during
17 the course of his deployment from 1943 to 1945, and during one of the invasions was thrown
18 forty feet after a plane crashed into his ship; and

1 WHEREAS, he was unconscious for three days and discharged after the United
2 States used an atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Japan; and

3 WHEREAS, after returning home from the war, Mr. Trahan met the love of his life,
4 Louella Cormier, on a blind date and six months later they were joined in holy matrimony
5 in Cecilia, Louisiana, and began their lives together; and

6 WHEREAS, they raised three sons and one daughter and he managed Mr. A.J.
7 Dupuis's General Merchandise Store until he purchased it in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, it was during this time that he began his political career and held public
9 office for twenty-four years, serving two terms as Justice of the Peace in St. Martin Parish
10 and four terms as a police juror; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan also held other jobs, including a seat with the Cecilia Water
12 Corporation since 1971 and also as its president for twenty years, working part time as a
13 house inspector with the St. Martin Parish Housing and Urban Development program, and
14 working as a greeter at Walmart since 1993 where he enjoyed visiting with the customers
15 as well as his coworkers; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan enjoyed playing "Boo-Ray", visiting with fellow friends,
17 and spending time with his family; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan is survived by his sons, Robert "Bob" Trahan and Reilly
19 Trahan; daughter, Tina Hamilton; brother, Alcus Trahan; sister, Bernice Trahan Guidry;
20 grandchildren, Hope Trahan Boutte, Jude Trahan, Mark Trahan, Zach Trahan, Paul Trahan,
21 Joy Trahan LeFors, Heather Trahan Credeur, Hallie Trahan Guidry, Simone Trahan Cohn,
22 Jordy Trahan, Carson Hamilton, and Cullen Hamilton; and sixteen great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-two years, Louella
24 Cormier Trahan; son, Kerney Trahan; father, Claude Trahan Sr.; mother, Leontine Berard
25 Trahan; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth "Liz" Angelle Trahan; great-grandson, Leo Michael
26 Guidry; brothers, Lester, Lynn, and Claude Jr. Trahan; and sister, Evelyn Trahan Badeau;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, at an early age, he learned from his parents the importance of family
29 and people and he will be remembered for the selfless love and kindness he showed to
30 others; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Trahan was a gentleman who was admired by all whose lives he
2 touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and is greatly missed; and

3 WHEREAS, his death has left a substantial void in his community and a sense of loss
4 in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and
5 hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mitchell "Mike"
8 Trahan, record for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extend enduring appreciation
9 for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to his community, the state of
10 Louisiana, and the United States of America.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 family of Mitchell "Mike" Trahan.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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