

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mitchell "Mike"

Trahan, record for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to his community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE