

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUINN

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Bernard Norman Marcantel

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former Judge
3 Bernard Norman Marcantel.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of former Judge Bernard
6 Norman Marcantel at the age of ninety-four; and

7 WHEREAS, Bernard Norman Marcantel was born on July 14, 1923, in Oberlin,
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated as his high school's valedictorian; in 1946, he received a
10 bachelor of science degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

11 WHEREAS, he pursued his juris doctorate from the University of Chicago Law
12 School, where he served as associate editor of the law review from 1947 to 1948; he
13 received a second juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School in 1950; and

14 WHEREAS, as a practicing attorney in the city of Jennings for sixty-eight years, Mr.
15 Marcantel was an active member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar
16 Association, and the Jefferson Davis Parish Bar Association; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1953, he served the parishes of Jefferson Davis and Allen as the
18 youngest district attorney in Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, he served Jefferson Davis Parish as district attorney for the 31st Judicial
20 District from 1953 until 1978, and he served as judge for the city of Jennings and Ward II
21 from 1985 until 1993; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel also served as judge pro tempore for the 14th, 15th,
2 31st, and 36th Judicial Districts of Louisiana and the Third Circuit Court of Appeal; and

3 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army during
4 World War II in the European Theater of Operations; he also fought at the Battle of the
5 Bulge in the Ardennes Forest; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel's civic accomplishments included being a member of
7 the American Legion Post No. 19 in Jennings for seventy-one years; serving as president of
8 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association; and being a lifetime member
9 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Marcantel enjoyed spending time at his camp, Cardinal Cove; he
11 had a passion for hunting and fishing; and

12 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Emile and Florence Reed
13 Marcantel; his wife, Martha deGravelles Marcantel; his second wife, Nancy Ellisor
14 Marcantel; and his infant daughter, Kathryn; and

15 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Nancy Tabb Marcantel; his
16 sons, David Emile Marcantel, Gregory Norman Marcantel, and Peter C. Marcantel; his
17 grandchildren, Pierre Marcantel, Natalie Marcantel, Joel Marcantel, Andrew Marcantel,
18 Anna Marcantel, Noel Marcantel, Chelsea Marcantel-Polaski, Sister Protectrice de la Foi,
19 and Shannon Rougeau Greer; his step-grandson, Paul Rougeau; his great-grandchild, Tristan
20 Greer; and many nieces and nephews; and

21 WHEREAS, with the death of Judge Bernard Norman Marcantel, Louisiana has lost
22 one of her finest citizens, and his death has left a great void and created a genuine sense of
23 sorrow in all who knew him, including his family and friends.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
26 death of Bernard Norman Marcantel; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his
27 notable accomplishments and singular contributions; and does hereby extend enduring
28 appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and friends, his
29 community, and the state of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the family of Bernard Norman Marcantel.

DIGEST

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