

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 250

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael "Todd" Denson on the occasion of his passing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the  
3 family and friends of Michael Todd Denson upon his passing and to express the loss  
4 of a colleague of the Senate.

5 WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
6 has learned of the passing of our friend and trusted Senate staffer, Todd Denson, who passed  
7 suddenly from this life on September 12, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Todd was a man of many talents and a friend to all; employed in 2004,  
9 Todd was a fixture in Senate committee rooms, he monitored the audio and video feed of  
10 public meetings, and he was attentive to the quality of archival recordings as a  
11 communication technician and research assistant; and

12 WHEREAS, Todd was a complex individual and a jack of all trades; he could do  
13 many things well and he had many vocations and interests; and

14 WHEREAS, in photography, he had the artist's eye for composition, light, space, and  
15 shadow; while just a teenager, he learned to develop his own prints; Todd found photography  
16 to be a pleasing medium for personal expression; and

17 WHEREAS, easygoing by nature, Todd sought out the company of revelers, whether  
18 at a favorite watering hole or street fair, there were new people to meet and topics of

1 conversation to discuss; and

2 WHEREAS, Michael Todd had a dapper sense of style as a chic dresser who wore  
3 tailored suits, fitted shirts with cuff links, and distinctive footwear; and

4 WHEREAS, he loved the outdoors, whether camping or hiking, at the beach, or just  
5 resting in the sunshine; and

6 WHEREAS, his father, John, was an equestrian and horse trainer who taught Todd  
7 to ride as soon as he could sit in a saddle; and

8 WHEREAS, Todd shall be remembered for his lifelong love of music and for his  
9 mastery of the guitar; he believed that poetry and music were essential to an individual's  
10 development; and

11 WHEREAS, Todd possessed a distinctive turn of phrase expressed in the prose he  
12 composed in poems, letters, and thoughtful messages to loved ones; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a true gentleman and genuine friend to all with a special  
14 dedication to the light in his life, his son, Lucas Jonathan Denson; and

15 WHEREAS, Todd is survived by Kathryn Camille Denson, his mother; John Bradley  
16 Denson, his brother; Beth Paxton Denson, his sister-in-law, Lucas Jonathon Denson, his only  
17 son; Kimberlyn DiVincenti Denson, his son's mother; Madison Elise Denson and Makenzie  
18 Paxton Denson, his nieces; and a host of loving friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Todd was the son of Camille Denson, our friend and former Senate  
20 secretary, now retired; and special condolences are extended to Camille and her family; and

21 WHEREAS, the memory of Michael Todd Denson shall abide with his friends and  
22 colleagues at the legislature and he shall remain "forever young" in their hearts.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 does hereby express sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Michael Todd  
25 Denson and does hereby mourn the loss of a friend and colleague of the Senate.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 family of Michael Todd Denson.

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

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DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the passing of Michael Todd Denson, former Senate staff member.