

1 undergraduate; and

2 WHEREAS, having completed his military obligations, Mr. Bardwell returned to
3 Baton Rouge, began practicing law, and, in 1981, he was appointed to serve as the United
4 States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana by President Ronald Reagan; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bardwell served in that capacity for five notable years, a time when
6 criminal matters in federal court with high-profile defendants were much in the news in
7 Louisiana with the prosecution of Governor Edwin Edwards in New Orleans; and

8 WHEREAS, high-profile cases overseen by Mr. Bardwell included recently deceased
9 football legend Billy Cannon's guilty plea and testimony against his co-conspirators to
10 distributing counterfeit United States one hundred dollar bills, and the case in Baton Rouge
11 involving Barry Seal who was accused of flying a cargo plane of marijuana into Louisiana,
12 was a government informant in a similar Florida case, and who was murdered soon after
13 signing an affidavit regarding his employment by a South American drug cartel; and

14 WHEREAS, after five years in this high profile and demanding role in the criminal
15 justice system, Mr. Bardwell resigned and moved with his family to Washington, D.C.,
16 where he became deputy general counsel for the United States Department of Energy, an
17 area of the economy and the law that are essential in Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, after staying in the nation's capital for only two years, Stanford
19 Bardwell returned to Louisiana in 1988 with considerable expertise in the area of energy law
20 and put those skills to good use in the private practice of law, which he maintained until his
21 retirement six months ago; and

22 WHEREAS, Stanford Bardwell married the love of his life, Leslie Groves Bardwell,
23 and the devoted couple raised a loving family of one daughter and two sons and, in later
24 years, enjoyed the pleasure of watching their grandchildren grow, and enjoyed being
25 involved in the lives of their entire family; and

26 WHEREAS, beyond the realm of the law and his family, Mr. Bardwell was deeply
27 committed to his community and to his faith, both of which led him to give generously of
28 himself to numerous social, civic, and political organizations, including the Republican Party
29 of Louisiana, Le Circle de Bacchus, the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Cancer Services of
30 Greater Baton Rouge, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Stanford Bardwell also served his community well through his
 2 commitments to his church, First Presbyterian Church in downtown Baton Rouge, where he
 3 was a deacon, an elder, and a Sunday school teacher; through his service as a member of the
 4 board of directors of Bill Glass Prison Ministries, where he was involved in evangelical
 5 missions in prisons throughout the South; and his spiritual renewal and inspiration
 6 experienced while on retreats at Manresa House of Retreats along the banks of the
 7 Mississippi river south of Baton Rouge; and

8 WHEREAS, Stanford O. Bardwell Jr. spent his seventy-eight years giving of his
 9 time, talents, and love to his family through his profession of the law and through his
 10 religious and civic activities; he was a man who epitomized all that is good about being an
 11 American and a dedicated native son of his beloved Louisiana.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
 13 express its sincere condolences upon the death of former United States Attorney for the
 14 Middle District of Louisiana, well-respected attorney, loving family man, and active
 15 community and faith leader, Stanford O. Bardwell Jr.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
 17 Leslie Groves Bardwell, loving and devoted widow of Stanford O. Bardwell Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the death of former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Stanford O. Bardwell Jr.