

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Korean War veteran and lifelong farmer, Lawrence Charles "Mookie" Bollich.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Korean War veteran and longtime farmer in Acadia Parish, Lawrence
4 Charles "Mookie" Bollich.

5 WHEREAS, Lawrence Charles Bollich was born to Frank and Barbara Zaunbrecher
6 Bollich on June 11, 1932, in Mowata, Louisiana, in Acadia Parish, and he died peacefully
7 on May 15, 2018, at the age of eighty-five; and

8 WHEREAS, Mookie, as Mr. Bollich was known to all, worked on the family farm
9 alongside his father and five brothers and was a graduate of St. Michael Catholic School in
10 Crowley, Louisiana, where, beyond academics, he learned to play the saxophone and
11 excelled in the sport of boxing; and

12 WHEREAS, having completed his formal education in 1953, Mr. Bollich entered
13 military service and served honorably and proudly in the United States Army during the
14 Korean War; and

15 WHEREAS, discharged from his patriotic duties, Mookie Bollich returned home,
16 married the love of his life, Jacqueline Brown, "Jackie" to her husband and most who know
17 her, and returned to farming the land in Acadia Parish; and

18 WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich and Jackie had three daughters, and Mookie dedicated

1 himself to providing for his family; and

2 WHEREAS, as a young man, Mookie Bollich's relaxation from his farm labors
3 consisted of playing softball in Mowata and gathering with his friends at JB's, their favorite
4 local spot; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bollich also found time for woodworking and making beautiful
6 furniture for his family, leaving a tangible legacy of lovingly crafted furniture for
7 generations of descendants; and

8 WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich's true commitment and dedication was to his family,
9 not only Jackie and his daughters and their spouses, but his larger family that eventually
10 included thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and more than two hundred nieces
11 and nephews; and

12 WHEREAS, dedication and devotion to his religion and his church, St. Lawrence
13 Catholic Church in Mowata, were fundamental to Mookie Bollich and he was a very active
14 member of the Knights of Columbus, which held a special place in his heart and allowed him
15 to give selflessly to those in the parish and the broader community; and

16 WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich spent countless hours giving back to his church,
17 whether it was washing gravestones or crafting and setting out crosses and flags for deceased
18 veterans buried in the St. Lawrence Cemetery; and

19 WHEREAS, in a life full with dedication to family and farming and devotion to God
20 and church, Mookie Bollich's most cherished times involved his adored wife of more than
21 sixty years, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends;
22 Mookie savored all of those treasured moments and memories, and his family and friends
23 are now left to cherish all of those same, exceptional memories.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Korean War veteran and
26 longtime farmer in Acadia Parish, Lawrence Charles "Mookie" Bollich.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Jackie Brown Bollich, adored widow of Mookie Bollich.

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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