



1           WHEREAS, when Bob retired from the school in 1994, he had served as sports  
2 information director longer than anyone else in the same position at any Louisiana university  
3 and served longer than any other member of the school's athletic staff; and

4           WHEREAS, in his retirement, he served as an aide to Congressman John Cooksey  
5 for six years, including four years as press secretary; he also wrote and published *Indian*  
6 *Territory: The Story of ULM Athletics*; and

7           WHEREAS, he eventually returned to the university's sports information staff and  
8 served as a volunteer editor of the L Club newsletter; and

9           WHEREAS, Bob was the recipient of many awards and accolades: induction into the  
10 Southland Conference Hall of Fame and University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) Hall of  
11 Fame, being named Mr. Louisiana Basketball by the Louisiana Association of Basketball  
12 Coaches, a Lifetime Achievement Award awarded by ULM's alumni association, and the  
13 Mac Russo Award for Progress and Ideals and a Distinguished Service Award in Sports  
14 Journalism from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA); and

15           WHEREAS, he was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of  
16 America and LSWA; he served as vice president of the Monroe Downtown Optimist Club  
17 and, later, as president of the Bayou DeSiard Optimist Club, which awarded him the  
18 Optimist of the Year Award; Optimist International honored Bob with the Distinguished  
19 President Award; and

20           WHEREAS, Bob served as a board member and Sunday School teacher at Memorial  
21 United Methodist Church, and later, filled the same roles, in addition to chairman of the  
22 Mission Committee and Methodist Menders member, at First United Methodist Church in  
23 Monroe; and

24           WHEREAS, his love of sports reached a new level when his grandchildren became  
25 active in athletics; attending or listening to the broadcast of every game he could, Bob often  
26 submitted stories about their games to local newspapers, beating their own reporters to the  
27 punch; and

28           WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson are his loving  
29 wife of fifty-six years, Nike Poulos Anderson; sons, Nick, and his wife Cheree, and Tom,

1 and his wife Natsuki; grandsons, Andrew and James; granddaughters, Kaili and Kina;  
2 brother, Jim, and his wife Meg; and several cousins and nieces; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert B. "Bob" Anderson was beloved and respected by faculty, staff,  
4 students, and alumni during his tenure; he will be missed, but his legacy will live on.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences on the death of Robert B. "Bob"  
7 Anderson; does hereby express deepest sympathies at the loss of this trailblazer in college  
8 athletics; and does hereby offer prayers and hopes of comfort to those who mourn his  
9 passing.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 family of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson.

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DIGEST

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Hoffmann

Expresses condolences of the House on the death of Robert B. "Bob" Anderson.