

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, LEGER, THOMAS, GREGORY MILLER, ANDERS, BILLIOT, ROBBY CARTER, CONNICK, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, HENRY, HILFERTY, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MARINO, JIM MORRIS, STAGNI, STOKES, TALBOT, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS ALARIO, LONG, MARTINY, APPEL, CARTER, ERDEY, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, MORRELL, MORRISH, PETERSON, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of former state representative Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express condolences upon the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., and to express
3 enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana,
4 particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of
5 Representatives.

6 WHEREAS, Charlie will be sorely missed; he was a man with a keen intellect,
7 undeniable wit, charm, and great sense of humor which brightened the lives of all around
8 him; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., was born in New Orleans on
10 September 22, 1943, to Charles D., Sr., and Helen Stafford Lancaster; and

11 WHEREAS, Charlie attended Holy Name of Jesus and graduated from Jesuit High
12 School, where he played on the Jesuit High School 1960 state championship football team,
13 held the state track record for high hurdles for many years beyond his 1961 graduation, and
14 was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year for his combined academic and athletic
15 achievements; and

16 WHEREAS, Charlie earned his bachelor of arts from the University of Southwestern
17 Louisiana (now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and his juris doctorate
18 from Loyola University, where he was a member of the Law Review; and

1 WHEREAS; Charlie served for twenty-two years in the Louisiana Army National
2 Guard, retiring as a major; he practiced law for over four decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Charlie served in the House of Representatives for thirty-two years; he
4 was the first Republican elected to office in Jefferson Parish and the longest-serving
5 Republican elected official in Louisiana history; and

6 WHEREAS, he is credited with making significant contributions to build the
7 Republican Party in Jefferson Parish and across Louisiana; when he was first elected to the
8 House in 1971, he was the sole Republican House member; now there are sixty-one; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Lancaster chaired the House Committee on House and
10 Governmental Affairs for twelve years, expertly navigating complex and politically-charged
11 matters regarding elections, campaign finance, open meetings, public records, and
12 redistricting under two governors, one a Republican and one a Democrat; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Lancaster exemplified the highest ideals of the civil,
14 bipartisan legislator by valuing relationships and respect over partisanship; known as a man
15 of his word, he was inducted into the 2018 Class of the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame; and

16 WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughter, Edith Helen "Dee Dee" Lancaster; son
17 Charles D. Lancaster, III; brother, William Bradford Lancaster, and his wife Suzy; sisters,
18 Helen Lancaster Bailey, and her husband Neil, and Marjorie Lancaster Crowell, and her
19 husband Mark; niece, Blair Redfield Lancaster; brothers-in-law, George William Shannon,
20 Jr., and his wife Janet, Robert MacKinnon Shannon, Jon O'Hara Shannon, and his wife
21 Roman, and James Cahill Shannon, and his wife Jill; his "grand little dude", Duncan Stewart
22 Wallace; and a host of cousins; and

23 WHEREAS, the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., has evoked a
24 tremendous sense of loss within the legislative community in Louisiana; all those who knew
25 and loved him take great comfort in recalling his many years of public service and personal
26 interactions.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 express condolences upon the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr.; does hereby
29 express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana,
30 particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of

1 Representatives; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and
2 honor that this accomplished man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, and
3 the state of Louisiana.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 family of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr.

DIGEST

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Barras

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