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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Steven L. Schoonover

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death, on Thursday,
3	February 27, 2020, of Steven Lewis Schoonover.
4	WHEREAS, Steven Schoonover was born on August 14, 1945, in Akron, Ohio, the
5	first of three children born to the union of Harold and Julia Schoonover; he was raised in
6	Akron and attended Buchtel High School; he graduated from Ohio University in Athens,
7	Ohio, in 1967 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in organizational communication; and
8	WHEREAS, in 1968, Steven enlisted in the United States Army reserves and was
9	sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana, then Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, for basic training
10	as a SP4 Medical Corpsman; in 1972, Steven earned his juris doctorate from Creighton
11	University and was subsequently commissioned as a captain in the Judge Advocate General
12	Staff of the U.S. Army Reserves; he was recognized as the Outstanding Citizen Soldier by
13	the Aksarben Organization of Nebraska; and
14	WHEREAS, after fulfilling his commitment to the U.S. Army reserves, Steven
15	Schoonover began a career at Owens-Illinois in Toledo, Ohio; in 1982, he helped form
16	Fibrebond Corporation, and in 1987, he was named the company's president and CEO;
17	additionally, he served as the president and CEO of Blue Ridge Cellular, a subsidiary of
18	Fibrebond located in Christiansburg, Virginia; and
19	WHEREAS, in 1997, Steven founded Cellxion LLC, a corporation that became the
20	world's largest producer of radio-integrated shelters for the wireless telecommunications
21	industry; in 2001, he founded Schoonover Investments LP, which is located in Shreveport,

1 Louisiana; Steven also served as director for Contango Oil & Gas in Houston and Sabre 2 Industries among many other corporate ventures; and 3 WHEREAS, Steven thoroughly enjoyed giving speeches and even had the honor of 4 introducing former first lady Barbara Bush; he was a member of Shreveport's exclusive 5 Committee of 100, Friends of the Strand, the Shreveport Symphony, and the Mystick Krewe 6 of Louisianians; he also served as a trustee of the Ohio University Foundation, with which 7 he holds one of the longest tenures of trusteeship at sixteen years; and 8 WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Steven has earned numerous awards, 9 including being twice named Entrepreneur of the Year by USA Today, Ernst & Young, 10 NASDAQ, CNN, Inc., and Merrill Lynch for his work at two different companies; and 11 WHEREAS, Steven leaves to cherish his memory his wife and best friend, Pamela 12 Renee Wood Schoonover; her son, Brandon Wood, and his wife Sarah; her daughter, Kaci 13 Wood Sykora, and her husband Matthew; his children, Kristen Schoonover Erler, and her 14 husband Jeff; Michelle Schoonover Payne, and her husband Brian; Brett Schoonover, and 15 his wife Anne Marie; and David Schoonover, and his wife Courtney; grandchildren; siblings; 16 and a host of other relatives; and 17 WHEREAS, Steven L. Schoonover was a remarkable businessman whose 18 accomplishments reflect admirably on both himself and the state of Louisiana; he will be 19 deeply missed. 20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest condolences to the family of Steven 22 Lewis Schoonover upon his death; does hereby recognize his outstanding accomplishments 23 as a businessman; and does hereby extend hopes and wishes that his family and friends find 24 comfort during this time of loss. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 26 family of Steven L. Schoonover.

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