

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR REESE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Larry Goins.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Larry Olen Goins.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Larry Olen Goins, age
6 eighty-three, of Leesville, Louisiana, on March 27, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, the eldest son of Milton and Elsie Lowery Goins, Larry was a lifelong
8 resident of Leesville; and

9 WHEREAS, growing up he had many adventures with his brothers, Don and James,
10 held many jobs including working at the family business, 171 City Services Gas Station,
11 mowing lawns for many neighbors, and spending many hours with his friends in the Cub
12 Scouts and Boy Scouts; and

13 WHEREAS, Larry was a proud Wampus Cat, a 1954 graduate of Leesville High
14 School (LHS), and an all-district member of the basketball and track teams; and

15 WHEREAS, he was always supporting LHS, an organizer of the Wampus Cat Club
16 of which he served as president; a Century Club member of the LHS alumni association of
17 which he served as president for two terms and was selected as Alumnus of the Year;
18 helping to organize the LHS Band Parents Association of which he served as president for

1 two terms; he worked tirelessly to raise funds for these organizations; and for over fifty
2 years, he had his seats in Wampus Cat Stadium on the fifty yard line and could be "heard"
3 on Friday nights cheering on the Wampus Cats; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry attended Centenary College where he was a member of the
5 Centenary College Choir and later served in the National Guard; and

6 WHEREAS, he was employed by the United States Postal Service for forty years
7 which assigned him to Lufkin, Texas, where he met his love of fifty-nine years, Velma
8 Baker Goins; and

9 WHEREAS, everyone who knew him knows that he was at the window of the post
10 office and greeted everyone with a smile, and he always had a joke or a story for them; and

11 WHEREAS, over the years, Larry was involved in many other organizations
12 including being a fifty-year member and past Master of the Leesville Masonic Lodge #240,
13 Shriner's, Boy Scout Leader, and Little League baseball coach; and

14 WHEREAS, he loved God, his family, and his church; he was a longtime member
15 of East Leesville Baptist Church where he served as music director for seventeen years
16 during which time, the ELBC Choir would join with the Centenary College Choir in
17 performing at the Hodges Gardens Easter Sunrise Service; and

18 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Larry spent countless hours with the "ROMEOS"
19 eating breakfast at various restaurants around town as he enjoyed telling tales of Leesville
20 history with his friends; and

21 WHEREAS, he was very proud of his family and enjoyed spending time with them;
22 as a dad, he was always involved in projects for his children; as a pawpaw, he couldn't have
23 been prouder as he loved cheering on his grandsons in any endeavor from tee-ball to varsity
24 football or baseball to theatre or academics and was their biggest fan; and he loved his
25 granddaughters and enjoyed all of the time he got to spend with them; and

26 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Elsie Goins, and
27 his brother, Don Goins; and

28 WHEREAS, Larry is survived by his wife, Velma Baker Goins; daughter, Renita
29 Goins Page (Paul); sons, John Milton Goins and Kenneth Olen Goins (Trisha);
30 grandchildren, Justin Casey Goins, Clinton Matthew Goins (Allie), Matthew Thomas Davis

