

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR REESE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Don Scoggins.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Don Austin Scoggins.

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 passing of Don Austin Scoggins,
6 on March 27, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, Don Austin Scoggins, the son of F.P. Scoggins Sr. and Tressie Keel
8 Hagan, was born on June 5, 1939, in Leesville, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Leesville High School in 1957 and then from
10 Northwestern State University where he served as a Black Knight in the ROTC program; and

11 WHEREAS, Don married the absolute love of his life since junior high school, Linda
12 Elizabeth "Betsy" May, on January 26, 1962; and

13 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army, taught junior high science at
14 Leesville, sold real estate for many years, and then owned Hernandez Farm Supply until his
15 retirement; and

16 WHEREAS, Don was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesville for over
17 sixty-five years and was also a faithful member of the Unity Sunday School class and
18 "morning coffee crew"; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Leesville Lions Club, where he was a past
2 president and rodeo chairman; he was a Master Mason, belonging to Leesville Lodge #240
3 F&AM; he was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies; and he was
4 always quick to volunteer for any veteran service organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Don was instrumental in establishing local volunteer fire stations
6 throughout Vernon Parish; and

7 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; brother, F. P. Scoggins Jr.; and
8 wife of fifty-four years, Betsy Scoggins; and

9 WHEREAS, Don is survived by his daughters, Susan Elizabeth Scoggins and Linda
10 "Dandy" Scoggins Beckermeyer and her husband Tony; four beloved grandchildren,
11 Elizabeth May Gautreaux Cyr and husband Timothy, Austin Clark Beckermeyer, Nathan
12 Don Gautreaux, and Collin Wayne Beckermeyer; three nephews; and one niece; and

13 WHEREAS, he was an extremely loving husband, father, and grandfather, was very
14 family oriented, and never missed an opportunity to grill steaks with all the trimmings, the
15 family favorite being gathering for "granddaddy's steaks"; and

16 WHEREAS, Don had a deep love for Leesville and his country and his memory will
17 live forever with all who had the opportunity to know him.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Don Austin Scoggins.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21 Susan Scoggins and Linda Beckermeyer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.
