

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Don Austin Scoggins, on March 27, 2020; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE