

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Bud Viator of Lake Charles.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Lanis James "Bud" Viator, on June 14, 2020, at age eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, Bud was born on February 1, 1939, in Hackberry, Louisiana, to Octar and Edith Hebert Viator; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Sulphur High School in 1957, he served his country honorably in the United States Army and traveled the world, with the fondest memories of Lourdes, France, in particular; and

WHEREAS, Bud Viator returned to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he met and married his loving wife of forty-seven years, Mary Ann Maxey Viator; and

WHEREAS, he was a kind-spirited and generous man who never met a stranger and was known for his support of the local community which benefitted him with many interesting domestic and global business relationships and friendships; and

WHEREAS, his work, family, and friends were his passion in life, along with being an avid sportsman who excelled in campfire stories; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and sister, Sherry Viator Allen; and

WHEREAS, his life was extended by the selfless living donation of a kidney to him by his nephew, David Decker; and

WHEREAS, those left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Anna Catherine Viator, Joël Redd (Matt), and Amanda Viator; one granddaughter: Rachel Anne Redd; sisters: Lois Bachelor and Jean Viator (James Napier); and one brother: Terry Viator (Paula); and

WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Bud Viator who use their considerable talents and resources to benefit future generations, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Bud Viator, does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements, and does hereby recognize with enduring appreciation the pride and honor this fine gentleman brought to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Bud Viator.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE