

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc on May 16, 2020, at the age of eighty-seven; and

WHEREAS, James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc was a native of DeQuincy, Louisiana, and a resident of Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from DeQuincy High School, he served in the United States Navy from August 1951 to August 1955 on the LST 715 "DeKalb County" and the USS Satyr ARL-23; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeBlanc was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Louisiana State University (LSU) in accounting services and held various positions over thirty-nine years at Boyd-Ewing Post 58 including post commander, post adjutant, and finance officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeBlanc was a life member of the American Legion and a longtime member of St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, he had a passion for genealogy, conducting research in France and Switzerland and traveling to Nova Scotia for the 2004 Acadian World Congress and LeBlanc family reunion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeBlanc was a LSU basketball season ticket holder and wore his "Tiger Fur Outfit" to the games with his family in tow since the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Cajun Clickers Computer Club and assisted the United Way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LeBlanc is survived by the love of his life and wife of fifty-seven years, Josephine Diethelm LeBlanc; two sons, Joel M. LeBlanc and Jon K. LeBlanc; one granddaughter, Lauren L. Jandle; two grandsons, Jarad M. LeBlanc and Ryen J. LeBlanc; a great-grandson Logan D. Jandle; and two sisters, Mercedes Pierson and Mary Agnes "Putsy" Sliman; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Rita LeBlanc; brothers, Elton LeBlanc and Lawrence LeBlanc; and sisters, Ethel Palma, Thelma Pinder, Marian Kimball, and Rita Joyce Aucoin; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc; and

WHEREAS, he was a gentleman who was admired by all whose lives he touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and is greatly missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc, record for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Baton Rouge community, 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 James Raymond "Jim" LeBlanc.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE