

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the untimely death of Cheryl Larkin Castille.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 untimely death of Cheryl Larkin Castille.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 learned of the untimely death of Cheryl Larkin Castille on September 20, 2020, at the age
6 of sixty-one; and

7 WHEREAS, Cheryl Larkin Castille was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Bill and
8 Jan Larkin, moving to La Crosse, Wisconsin, shortly thereafter; and

9 WHEREAS, she graduated from Aquinas High School in La Crosse in 1977 and
10 earned a bachelor's and master's degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of
11 Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

12 WHEREAS, at the time of her passing, Ms. Castille was the executive director of the
13 Louisiana Division of the Arts within the Office of Cultural Development under the Office
14 of the Lieutenant Governor; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Castille brought extensive experience creating and implementing
16 music, visual arts, culinary arts, dance, creative writing, and theatre programs to her work
17 for the state, and was an ardent champion of the arts and culture in Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, her enthusiasm and loving spirit made a significant impact in the four

1 years she served as executive director of the Louisiana Division of the Arts; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Castille previously served as assistant to St. Landry Parish
3 President W. K. Bill Fontenot Jr., where she acted as a liaison between the Parish President's
4 office and community, economic, arts, culture, and service organizations; special projects
5 manager for the St. Landry Parish Tourism Commission, where she developed community
6 based art and cultural programs; program director of Cité des Arts, an arts incubator in
7 downtown Lafayette; assistant director of Louisiana Folk Roots in Lafayette, a nonprofit
8 dedicated to preserving and presenting the diverse cultures and living heritage of south
9 Louisiana; and owner/manager of What Bayou Trading Company, an art gallery and music
10 shop; and

11 WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband of twenty-seven years, Blake
12 Castille; mother, Jan Larkin; brother, Scott Larkin; and nieces, Sarah Jayde (Castille)
13 Williams, Theresa Larkin, and Sarah Larkin; and

14 WHEREAS, the death of Cheryl Larkin Castille has left a substantial void in her
15 community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives she touched, and her memory shall
16 live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable lady;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Cheryl Larkin Castille was truly an admirable woman whose creative
19 and exuberant presence in the Louisiana arts community will be deeply missed.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Cheryl Larkin Castille;
22 does hereby posthumously commend her for many years of dedicated service to the
23 promotion of arts, culture, tourism, and music for the state of Louisiana; and does hereby
24 record for posterity her outstanding achievements and extend enduring appreciation for the
25 tremendous pride and honor she will forever bring to the state of Louisiana and the United
26 States of America.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 family of Cheryl Larkin Castille.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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