

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory, devoted husband, father, grandfather,  
4 godfather, and devout servant of God, who faithfully served his community for over  
5 thirty years.

6 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
7 Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory on  
8 February 6, 2021, at the age of sixty-six; and

9 WHEREAS, he was born on July 30, 1954, to Chesley Gregory and Norma Planchard  
10 Gregory; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory was a certified optician who owned and operated the  
12 Sulphur Optical Shoppe, which served the community's eyewear needs for over thirty years;  
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14 WHEREAS, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others, he was an  
15 emergency medical technician, a bus driver for children attending Westlake area schools;  
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory, an active member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Sulphur,  
18 received the Rotarian of the Year award in 2006 for eleven years of perfect attendance; and

1           WHEREAS, he lived by the Rotarian 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, and do:  
2           (1) "Is it the truth?", (2) "Is it fair to all concerned?", (3) "Will it build goodwill and better  
3           friendships?", and (4) "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"; and

4           WHEREAS, when Mr. Gregory was not serving his community, he could be found  
5           at his children's various sporting events, especially their swim meets where he served as a  
6           swim referee and stroke official; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory, loved the Lord and was ordained in August of 2014 as a  
8           deacon of the Catholic Church, and since his ordination, he faithfully served as a deacon for  
9           the Faith Family of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

10          WHEREAS, Deacon James "Chris" Gregory is survived by his best friend and  
11          beloved wife of forty-two years, Mary Lynn Hayes Gregory; their four children, Sarah  
12          Bannan (Christopher), Rebekeh Bernard (Andrew), Dr. Nicholas Gregory (Sarah), and  
13          Hannah Rogers (Paul); fifteen grandchildren; two brothers, Dr. Chesley "Pip" Gregory  
14          (Trudy) and Dr. Joseph "Joey" Gregory (Debra); and his extended family and friends; and

15          WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory's bright smile and welcoming spirit will be sorely missed  
16          by all who knew him.

17          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18          respectfully acknowledge with gratitude the outstanding service to his community and  
19          extends sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory,  
20          a devoted husband, father, grandfather, godfather, and a devout servant of God.

21          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his  
22          wife, Mrs. Mary Lynn Hayes Gregory.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Elizabeth O'Quin.

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