

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Thomas Bert Bateman.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Thomas Bert Bateman.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a great gentleman and family  
6 patriarch, Thomas Bert Bateman, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 10, 2021, at the age  
7 of eighty-eight years; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom Bateman was born in Mobile, Alabama, on August 1, 1932, to  
9 Thomas McCauley Bateman and Roberta Magee Bateman; and

10 WHEREAS, as a young man, Tom served his country proudly as a United States  
11 Marine and was a combat veteran of the Korean Conflict; and

12 WHEREAS, after his valiant service, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from  
13 Louisiana State University and a Master of Business Administration from Centenary College  
14 of Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom pursued a successful banking career and, among other  
16 accomplishments, was instrumental in the building of the new Bank of Jackson in Jackson,  
17 Louisiana, and served as president of the First National Bank of Mansfield and the Britton  
18 & Koontz National bank in Natchez, Mississippi; and

1           WHEREAS, his career culminated with a high level position with the Federal  
2           Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), from which he retired after many years of hard work  
3           and dedicated service to the financial community; and

4           WHEREAS, Tom was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, serving as a  
5           lay reader and usher; and

6           WHEREAS, he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon "Dekes" Alumni  
7           Association, where he continued to advance that fraternity's tradition of "producing  
8           outstanding gentlemen, leaders, and jolly good fellows"; and

9           WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Marine Corps League, contributing to  
10          that organization's mission of promoting the interests and preserving the traditions of the  
11          United States Marine Corps, strengthening the fraternity of Marines and their families,  
12          serving all those who wear or have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, and fostering the  
13          ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism; and

14          WHEREAS, Tom is remembered as a lovely person and good friend, with a quick  
15          wit and generous smile, who was devoted to his family and loved them selflessly; and

16          WHEREAS, he was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who  
17          is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Berry Graham Bateman; his daughter,  
18          Graham Bateman Ohmstede (Axel); and son, Thomas McCauley Bateman II (Sandra); his  
19          grandchildren, Katherine Elizabeth Bateman, Mary Margaret Bateman, and Lindsey Victoria  
20          Ohmstede; his brother, John H. Bateman (Sissy); his close cousin, Judge Frank Foil (Judy);  
21          his brother-in-law, Mark Graham (Darlene); his nieces, Aimee Elise Bateman Lewis  
22          (Holden) and Kristin Leigh Graham; and nephews, William Brian Magee Bateman (Wendy),  
23          and Eric Michael Graham (Caroline); and his beloved companion dog, T-Man; and

24          WHEREAS, the memory of Tom Bateman will always remain in the hearts of his  
25          family and friends, who will forever reap the benefits of his lifetime of achievement; and

26          WHEREAS, those who knew and loved him will continue to swell with pride when  
27          they remember Tom Bateman as a positive force in his community; and

28          WHEREAS, Tom represented all that is good about Louisiana as a man with unique  
29          gifts and a charitable spirit, and with his passing, Louisiana has lost one of its finest citizens,  
30          who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many individuals whom he touched with his

1 truly inspiring qualities and generosity, and who is now terribly missed but will never be  
2 forgotten.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
4 does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Thomas Bert  
5 Bateman upon the occasion of his death.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
7 hereby express its appreciation for Tom Bateman's enduring contributions, which shall long  
8 continue to be a source of deep honor for the city of Baton Rouge, the state of Louisiana, and  
9 beyond, and does hereby pay tribute to his remarkable legacy, which shall live long in the  
10 hearts of those who were touched by his humanity.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
12 Berry Graham Bateman.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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