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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of James Allan Laird

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of James Allan
3 Laird.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives has learned of the death of James Allan Laird of Delhi, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Allan was born on July 23, 1943, to Jesse and Beulah Laird of Tallulah,
7 Louisiana; he graduated from Tallulah High School and attended Louisiana Tech University
8 on a track scholarship; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Louisiana Tech, Mr. Laird began what would
10 become a thirty-three year career working for the state of Louisiana, which culminated with
11 his retirement as a regional administrator; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Laird made the most of his life in retirement; he was often found
13 in his woodworking shop, where he loved carving wildlife scenes and building a vast array
14 of practical items such as deer stands, boats, and mantles; he also cherished spending time
15 with family and friends enjoying the outdoors; and

16 WHEREAS, Allan was also a longtime member of Delhi First Baptist Church, where
17 he served as a deacon and taught Sunday school to both adults and young people; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Laird met his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Anna LaPrarie, while
19 attending Louisiana Tech; the two married on August 13, 1965, and were blessed with a long
20 and happy marriage; he is survived by his wife, Anna Laird; his siblings, Gene Laird, and
21 his wife Lynell, Ann Kukor, and John Laird; his children, Lesley Free, and her husband

1 Todd, and Leigh Cordill, and her husband Bryan; his grandchildren, Ashley Martin, and her
2 husband Tyler, Emily Stogner, and her husband Joseph, Allie Welch, and her husband Ethan,
3 Caleb Free, and Anna Beth Cordill; and his great-grandchildren, Audrey, Oliver, and Finn
4 Stogner; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Laird is remembered as an amazing husband, father, grandfather,
6 brother, and friend to many; he always invested his time in guiding Delhi's younger
7 residents, and he will be deeply missed.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James
10 Allan Laird; does hereby recognize Mr. Laird for offering his time to help mold the youth
11 in his community; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family, friends,
12 and loved ones find comfort during this difficult time.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 family of James Allan Laird.

DIGEST

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