

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Tom represented all that is good about Louisiana as a man with unique gifts and a charitable spirit, and with his passing, Louisiana has lost one of its finest citizens, who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many individuals whom he touched with his truly inspiring qualities and generosity, and who is now terribly missed but will never be forgotten.

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE