

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Laird met his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Anna LaPrarie, while attending Louisiana Tech; the two married on August 13, 1965, and were blessed with a long and happy marriage; he is survived by his wife, Anna Laird; his siblings, Gene Laird, and his wife Lynell, Ann Kukor, and John Laird; his children, Lesley Free, and her husband Todd, and Leigh Cordill, and her husband Bryan; his grandchildren, Ashley Martin, and her husband Tyler, Emily Stogner, and her husband Joseph, Allie Welch, and her husband Ethan, Caleb Free, and Anna Beth Cordill; and his great-grandchildren, Audrey, Oliver, and Finn Stogner; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES