

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR JOHNS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Joseph "Rock" Palermo III.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Joseph "Rock" Palermo III, to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to his family and community, and to note his many contributions made on behalf of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of attorney Joseph "Rock" Palermo III of Lake Charles, who passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at the age of fifty-five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor's degree in 1987 and a law degree in 1992 where he was selected to the Moot Court Board; and

WHEREAS, he was a well-respected attorney and member of the Louisiana State Bar Association; a partner in the law firm of Veron, Bice, Palermo & Wilson in Lake Charles; a founding member of the Judge Albert Tate Inn of Court; a member of the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees; a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; a member of the Louisiana Association for Justice; and a member of the LSU Law Center Trial Advocacy faculty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo delighted in all things involving his family; and

1 WHEREAS, he was an avid scuba diver and instructor, and it was during a scuba
2 class he met the love of his life, Kim, and their shared love for diving was passed onto their
3 family; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo loved being a father to his three children and could not
5 have been prouder of his children with whom he enjoyed spending every minute, from
6 discussing politics and world travel with Rachel, to attending Ryan's baseball games, and
7 listening to Sarah play guitar and speak the Spanish language; and

8 WHEREAS, no words exist to describe the void left by his absence, as he was
9 simultaneously their biggest cheerleader and real life superhero; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo was a talented photographer and documented his family's
11 numerous trips and adventures; and

12 WHEREAS, his most cherished hobby, passed on by his father, was flying and he
13 was happiest in the clouds; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo passed on his joy of flying to many people as a certified
15 flight instructor and a licensed airline transport pilot with airplane, jet, and helicopter ratings;
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17 WHEREAS, he was a member of the United States Civil Air Patrol with the United
18 States Air Force Auxiliary, for which he held the rank of colonel, and he also served as the
19 secretary of the board of the Lake Charles Regional Airport Authority; and

20 WHEREAS, his love of flying connected him to a childhood dream of policing his
21 neighbors on Palermo Drive, and his love for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department
22 enabled him to serve his community as captain of the aviation unit; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo was preceded in death by this father, Joseph R. Palermo
24 Jr.; and

25 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Kim; and his three
26 children, Rachel Palermo, Ryan Palermo (Madison), and Sarah Palermo; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo is also survived by his mother, Jackie Palermo; his
28 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jenny and Reggie Keogh; his brother, Lance Palermo
29 (Tonia); sisters, Ashley Palermo (Nick Goodling) and Alisha Palermo; brother-in-law, Scott
30 Seeliger (Sheila); sister-in-law, Keri Keogh (Dave); a host of nieces and nephews; aunts and

1 uncles, and numerous loving cousins and extended family; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo's friends numbered in the thousands and he will be greatly
3 missed by all who knew him.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 express its sincere condolences upon the passing of Joseph "Rock" Palermo III and does
6 hereby acknowledge his lifelong commitment to his family and community and notes his
7 many contributions made on behalf of the state of Louisiana.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
9 wife, Kim Palermo.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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