

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Billy B. Booth.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of
3 Billy B. Booth.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the
5 death of Billy B. Booth.

6 WHEREAS, Billy Byron Booth passed away on December 26, 2020, at the age of
7 74 after a fierce fight with COVID-19 and pneumonia; and

8 WHEREAS, Billy was born on June 2, 1946, in Terry, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Bogalusa High School as well as Louisiana College
10 where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion and speech; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1969, Billy joined the New Orleans Police Department where he
12 served as a patrolman in the third district, worked in the communications division, became
13 an emergency medical technician, and capped his career with the New Orleans Police
14 Department as a bomb squad technician, all while earning his bachelor's degree in
15 criminology from Loyola University in New Orleans; and

16 WHEREAS, Billy later served as a state trooper in Troop B and was selected to be
17 part of their executive protection unit where he had the privilege of protecting Lieutenant
18 Governor James Fitzmorris Jr. who became a lifelong friend; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1980, he was hired as chief of security for McMoran Oil and Gas and
2 later Freeport-McMoran where Billy worked for twenty years, including seven years as
3 director of security at their copper mine in Iran Jaya, Indonesia; and

4 WHEREAS, after over thirty years of service in high stress occupations, Billy tried
5 to retire, but it only lasted six months which was long enough to catch up on projects around
6 the house; and

7 WHEREAS, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Billy acted on his call to duty and
8 joined the newly-created Transportation Security Administration as a supervisory
9 transportation officer, where he also served as a trainer and analyst; and

10 WHEREAS, he was promoted to lead transportation security specialist for explosives
11 where he continued to proudly serve until he became ill; and

12 WHEREAS, Billy was a faithful Christian and a proud member of the Gideons
13 International, a deacon at St. Rose Community Church and First Baptist Church of Kenner,
14 and participated with joy in numerous church choirs and Bible study groups; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a member of the St. Rose Planning and Zoning Commission for
16 twelve years; and

17 WHEREAS, Billy is survived by his beloved wife Theresa Miller Booth; his brother
18 John David Booth Sr. and spouse Susan; his sisters-in-law Opal Bode and spouse George,
19 and Janis Bonura and spouse Justin; his brother-in-law Sam Miller and spouse Debbi;
20 children Paul Byron Booth and Dr. Angela Booth Wingfield and spouse Bill; his stepson
21 Wayne Barrett Marvin Jr and spouse Cole; his step son-in-law Billy Maisano; grandchildren
22 Spencer and Claire Wingfield; John Paul and Miles Booth; Lauren, Nicole, Katherine, and
23 Will Maisano; Amanda, Emma, and Grant Marvin; Haleigh, Alaina and Ben Gardner; as
24 well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

25 WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
26 Billy B. Booth will be forever remembered by the people and friends in Louisiana for his
27 integrity, dignity, courage, and joy he left in the hearts of all who knew him.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 extend sincere regrets and condolences to his family on the occasion of his death.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

1 Billy's wife, Theresa Miller Booth.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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