

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Sabiston was relentlessly enthusiastic and positive; she truly
2 believed anything was achievable through effort, teamwork, and determination; she was
3 always professional and cordial in her work relationships, and she was respected and well
4 liked by her political opponents, despite being active during a period of significant political
5 rancor and partisan division; and

6 WHEREAS, NJ possessed a knack for motivating her colleagues to join her in her
7 quest to achieve the countless ideals and goals she set for herself and her team each morning;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, NJ worked with the Audubon Commission, the Louisiana Youth
10 Seminar, the *E Pluribus Unum* Institute and Fund, the UNO Alumni Association, the New
11 Orleans Recreation Development Foundation, and many other commissions and foundations;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, NJ was a widely sought after political advisor to prominent politicians
14 in the state and country; she served on the staffs of Congressman Billy Tauzin and Senator
15 John Breaux, and she helped engineer the historic election of Mary Landrieu as the first
16 woman to represent Louisiana in the United States Senate; after that monumental
17 achievement, she served on former Senator Landrieu's staff for fifteen years; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Sabiston's work for Senator Landrieu and the congressional
19 delegation helped secure billions of dollars in relief funding after the devastation of
20 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

21 WHEREAS, although NJ served as a trusted advisor to presidents, senators,
22 congressmen, governors, and mayors, she often remarked that her most important work was
23 serving as a mentor to hundreds of young leaders; and

24 WHEREAS, Norma Jane Sabiston is survived by her mother, Norma Lyttle Sabiston;
25 her sisters, Dottie Grace Belletto, Anita Pollack, and Donna Linares, and her husband Ed;
26 her brother, Walter E. "Sonny" Sabiston, III; and her nieces and nephews and countless
27 friends and colleagues; and

28 WHEREAS, NJ always put Louisiana first and always worked across party lines to
29 help move the state towards progress; she was infinitely more concerned with successfully
30 completing her objectives than receiving credit for her work; she believed that you should

1 leave things better than you found them, and she accomplished this by working tirelessly to
2 make Louisiana better and by nurturing the many relationships she made throughout her
3 career; she will be deeply missed, but her legacy will live on forever.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Norma
6 Jane Sabiston; does hereby record for posterity Ms. Sabiston's incredible work serving both
7 the state and country; does hereby recognize the tremendous positive impact that her work
8 has had on the state of Louisiana and its citizens; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and
9 wishes that her family, friends, and loved ones find comfort during this difficult time.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 family of Norma Jane Sabiston.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the House on the death of Norma Jane "NJ" Sabiston.