

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY SENATOR BARROW

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Hermon Levi Milton Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Hermon Levi Milton Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of East
5 Baton Rouge Parish and the state of Louisiana learned of the death of Hermon Levi Milton
6 Jr. on November 25, 2020, at the age of ninety-four; and

7 WHEREAS, Hermon was born on September 14, 1926, in Walker, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Hermon was a loving and devoted husband to his wife of sixty-nine
9 years, Genevieve "Genny" Milton, and a dedicated and committed father to four children,
10 Janice Marie Milton Johnson, Michael Earl Milton, Patrick Glenn Milton, and Mark Joseph
11 Milton; and

12 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Oney Bernice Graham Milton
13 and Hermon Milton Sr.; and

14 WHEREAS, few men can claim the honesty and success that Hermon was noted for
15 in life. It was this honesty and caring attitude for his family, friends, and acquaintances that
16 is remembered most by all whose lives he touched in his generous lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, Hermon was a resident of Baker, Louisiana, but would spend as much
18 time as he could at his camp in Norwood, Louisiana, which he considered to be "Heaven on

1 Earth"; and

2 WHEREAS, Hermon proudly served his country in the United States Army during
3 World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, he was very active in the community and often barbecued for many
5 fundraisers on his self-made pit; and

6 WHEREAS, he enjoyed serving the city of Baker community by, among other
7 endeavors, establishing numerous baseball facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Hermon was a Mason in the Baker Masonic Lodge 441; and

9 WHEREAS, Hermon also served as chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee of
10 IBEW Local Union 995 for many years; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1962, Hermon opened Buffalo Electric, Inc., which grew
12 exponentially as the electric company offered industrial, commercial, and residential
13 electrical construction and maintenance; he was known for being fair with his customers and
14 his community; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1966, Hermon Levi Milton Jr. and his brother Jack founded Buffalo
16 Electric Inc., in Baker, Louisiana, and Herman served as president of the company until
17 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1968, when the National Electric Contractors Association (NECA)
19 opened a chapter in Baton Rouge and Hermon was asked by the Baton Rouge contractors
20 to become the first governor of the chapter; he accepted the position and served for thirty-
21 one years; and

22 WHEREAS, he was later elected president of all chapters of the National Electric
23 Contractors Association (NECA), serving in that capacity for thirty years; and

24 WHEREAS, Hermon served as the chairman of the Baton Rouge Area Electrical
25 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for over thirty-five years; and

26 WHEREAS, at the same time, he also served on the Louisiana State Electrical
27 Apprenticeship Council and the Louisiana Statewide (IBEW / NECA) Electrical Council;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Hermon received the NECA's highest national award, the Bob
30 Comstock Award, in recognition of his contributions in the complex field of labor relations;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, the NECA specifically honored Hermon as the strongest voice for
3 unionized electrical work among the industrial plant managers and owners along the Gulf
4 Coast and lower Mississippi River; and

5 WHEREAS, Hermon was the founder and president of International Specialties
6 which was established in 1987; and

7 WHEREAS, Hermon, a man of strong faith, was a longtime deacon and Sunday
8 school teacher at First Baptist Church of Baker; and

9 WHEREAS, Hermon Levi Milton Jr. was an accomplished businessman who will
10 forever be remembered for the love and respect that he held for his fellow workers.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Hermon Levi
13 Milton Jr. and extends enduring appreciation for his outstanding service and many
14 accomplishments for the good of the people of East Baton Rouge Parish, the state of
15 Louisiana, and the United States of America.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 family of Hermon Levi Milton Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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