

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND HARRIS AND SENATOR LUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of James Wesley Quillin.

WHEREAS, James Wesley Quillin was born in Waco, Texas, in 1949, to Willard and Paulina Quillin; after his father completed a brief military stint in England, his family relocated to Pineville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, James attended Pineville High School and graduated from Louisiana College with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1973; he went on to receive a master's degree in psychology from Northwestern State University in 1975, and in 1978, he completed a doctorate degree in clinical psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quillin completed a one-year psychology residency at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute in Columbia, South Carolina; in 1979, he began practicing psychology in Pineville and soon after opened his private psychology practice; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his extensive professional career, Dr. Quillin treated thousands of patients in the central Louisiana region; he also published numerous works in professional academic psychological journals and briefly served as an adjunct faculty member at Louisiana College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quillin was also a longtime member of the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists; he joined in 1979 and served as the organization's president from 2000 until 2004; he also served as the president of the Louisiana Psychological Association from 2009 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, in the latter portion of his career, Dr. Quillin pioneered the movement for focused prescriptive authority to be granted to psychologists who completed additional training in neuroanatomy and psychopharmacology; he was a member of the inaugural class of psychologists who met these scrupulous standards and successfully obtained a medical psychology degree in Louisiana; he was the recipient of multiple awards for his service to the field of medical psychology and for his unrelenting pursuit of professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, James was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Alexandria, where he was confirmed in 2014; he was a member of the church's vestry, and until his passing, he served as the vestry's senior warden; he also served on the church stewardship committee and was a member of the Russell Knight Men's Bible Study Group; and

WHEREAS, James Quillin was also a very civic-minded individual who served on the board of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, as a member of the Parlangua men's Mardi Gras Krewe, and as king of the Krewe of Twelfth Night; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quillin leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Paige Quillin; children, Dr. Elizabeth McLemore, and her husband Aaron; Rebecca Bartlett, and her husband Grant; Jennifer Andrus, and her husband Brandon; and Dr. Joseph Quillin, and his wife Thanmaya Reddy; sister, Susie Quillin, and her husband Russell Ward; mother, Paulina Ussery; grandchildren, Anna Kate Bartlett, Jack McLemore, Molly McLemore, Luke McLemore, Emily Bartlett, Addison Andrus, Jude Andrus, and Ruth Quillin; and

WHEREAS, James Wesley Quillin, was a beloved husband, son, brother, father, and grandfather; he cherished fishing, duck hunting, playing poker, dogs, Mardi Gras, his Christian faith, his genealogy, and his family; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James Wesley Quillin; does hereby recognize Dr. Quillin's inspiring pursuit of excellence in his professional career and his unrelenting dedication to the advancement of the practice of medical psychology; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family find comfort during this extremely difficult time.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE