

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of former state representative Stephen Pugh

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state  
3 representative Stephen Pugh.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
5 Representatives remembers the untimely death, on September 7, 2021, of former state  
6 representative of District 73, Stephen Pugh; and

7 WHEREAS, Stephen E. Pugh was born on April 1, 1961, in Hammond, Louisiana;  
8 he was the son of the late Charles and Marion Wadsworth Pugh; and

9 WHEREAS, Steve is remembered as a loveable and charismatic man who was, above  
10 all, unshakeably devoted to his family and his community; he lived his life in a manner that  
11 was heavily reflective of these values as he constantly looked to serve others; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve's first experience serving his community was as a member of the  
13 Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula; this experience led him to join the Strawberry Festival board  
14 where, in 1984, he became the youngest chairmen ever elected; in 2012, his devotion to the  
15 Strawberry Festival was rewarded with his being elected Strawberry Festival King; and

16 WHEREAS, Steve was also very active in youth-centered community programs; he  
17 was involved with several clubs and youth leagues such as Ponchatoula Youth Basketball  
18 League, Ponchatoula High School Baseball Boosters, Hibernia Club, and Krewe of Erin; one  
19 of his greatest joys was playing Santa Claus during Christmas events, at local parades, and  
20 while visiting nursing homes and special needs facilities; and

1           WHEREAS, perhaps Steve's boldest move to serve his community was when he  
2 successfully campaigned for the District 73 seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives,  
3 a seat he held for three full terms; and

4           WHEREAS, Steve's faith was incredibly important to him; he was a devoted  
5 parishioner of St. Albert Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister for over  
6 twenty-five years; he was also the owner and operator of St. Patrick's Green Acres, Inc., and  
7 Pugh's Florist in Ponchatoula, and his keen eye for beauty in floral arrangements was known  
8 to all; and

9           WHEREAS, Stephen E. Pugh leaves to cherish his memory his sons, Stephen E.  
10 Pugh, II, and his wife Alexandra, and Christopher J. Pugh, and his wife Alyssa;  
11 grandchildren, Brady Pugh and Cecilia Pugh; brother, Charles "Buddy" Pugh, and his wife  
12 Carolyn; sister, Marion P. Amedee; and brother-in-law, John Yeargain; and

13           WHEREAS, Steve was a truly caring individual who always placed the service of  
14 others above his own needs; he will be deeply missed but his memory will live on in the  
15 community he loved so deeply.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former  
18 state representative Stephen Pugh; does hereby recognize former representative Pugh for his  
19 unrelenting dedication to his family, community, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby  
20 extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and former colleagues find peace in his  
21 memory.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 family of Stephen Pugh.

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#### DIGEST

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