

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of pharmacist and public servant, Carl W. Aron, and to honor the legacy of compassion and love he leaves for his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that the citizens and the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Carl W. Aron who passed peacefully from this life on January 5, 2022, at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, Carl W. Aron was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on September 23, 1939, to Trudy and Dave Aron; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Neville High School in 1957 and attended the University of Mississippi where he was a letterman on the tennis team and a member of Phi Epsilon Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he received his license as a pharmacist from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aron served his country in Vietnam, being stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he proudly held the rank of captain in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he joined his family's pharmacy business and also met the love of his life, Donna Renaud; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Donna began their life together as a family in Monroe, having three beautiful children, Melissa, Debbie, and David; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Aron took ownership of the family pharmacy business and

began growing Aron's Pharmacy into a community pharmacy staple that continues to care for countless generations of families in and around Monroe; and

WHEREAS, also in 1971, he was first appointed to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy by the Honorable John J. McKeithen, Governor of Louisiana, and served continuously on the board for over fifty years, with the last twenty-five of those years serving as president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aron was recently elected President Emeritus of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and holds the honor of the longest serving member on any Board of Pharmacy in the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career in pharmacy he received numerous awards for his service to the profession, including the Bowl of Hygeia Award for Community Service from the Louisiana Pharmacists Association in 1985 and the Meritorious Achievement Award from the College of Pharmacy at Northeast Louisiana University, now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe, in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in which Mr. Aron was an active member and received numerous recognitions and awards from the NABP; and

WHEREAS, he ensured that NABP's pharmacist licensure examinations remained valid and effective through his service on their Advisory Committee on Examinations from 1999 through 2005, including service as committee chairman in 2004; and

WHEREAS, NABP recognized the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's activities in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 under Mr. Aron's leadership; and

WHEREAS, during the NABP 2006 annual meeting, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy was presented with the Fred T. Mahaffey Award for outstanding contributions to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy and Mr. Aron was awarded NABP's highest individual honor, the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aron served as chairman of the NABP Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and the United States Drug Distribution System in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 NABP annual meeting Mr. Aron was selected as a lifetime honorary president; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, under the leadership of Mr. Aron, was innovative and adaptive to the rapidly changing world of pharmacy practice, healthcare delivery, and prescription drugs and developed and implemented multiple tools to keep the public safe, including the prescription monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Senate Resolution No. 96 was passed to congratulate Mr. Aron on more than fifty years of service to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aron was a longtime member of Temple B'Nai Israel in Monroe and was strongly dedicated to his Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, he was also a lifelong and founding member of Bayou DeSiard Country Club and loved playing golf with all of his friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aron represented the very best of being a community pharmacist and demonstrated an unwavering compassion for everyone who crossed his path; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will live long through the countless lives touched by Aron's Pharmacy and through the fond memories of all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Carl W. Aron and honors the legacy of compassion and love he leaves for his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his beautiful bride of fifty-three years, Mrs. Donna Renaud Aron and their family.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES