

1 WHEREAS, influenced by his Navy experience, Dr. Torres chose the practice of
2 medicine for his career, enrolled in LSU's New Orleans medical school, and graduated from
3 that institution in the class of 1955; and

4 WHEREAS, as a practicing OB/GYN at Charity Hospital and professor, later
5 professor emeritus, with the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, Dr. Torres
6 delivered and treated countless New Orleanians and guided the careers of a host of
7 physicians; and

8 WHEREAS, in New Orleans, Dr. Torres met and married the love of his life, Lois
9 Rita Muller; together, he and Lois experienced the joy of bringing into the world five
10 daughters as well as the heartbreak of losing a child, their beloved Giselle Marie, to pediatric
11 cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology, held
13 additional certification in cervicography and colposcopy, was a fellow of the American
14 College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and was a founding member of both the American
15 Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology and the Gynecologic Laser Society; and

16 WHEREAS, he was nationally recognized as a pioneer in the treatment of cervical
17 cancer by carbon dioxide laser; passionate about cancer care, he became active with the New
18 Orleans chapter of the American Cancer Society and was a past president of that
19 organization; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Torres enjoyed and capably fulfilled many appointments on
21 healthcare-related boards, published articles in and served as editor of various medical
22 journals, and taught legions of medical students as a lecturer, course director, and visiting
23 professor at medical schools both in the United States and abroad; and

24 WHEREAS, an avid storyteller, he often regaled his family with legends of banana
25 battles on the beaches of his youth and of fending off barracuda and finding Spanish gold
26 while freediving in the depths of the Caribbean; and

27 WHEREAS, "Uncle José" was revered by his extended family because he excelled
28 at practically everything he did—everything except ambulance-driving, that is, which he
29 divulged in one of his more comical stories; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a devout member of the Catholic church; humble and stalwart
2 in his faith, he served as a Eucharistic minister in his local dioceses for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, as Hurricane Katrina approached New Orleans in August of 2005, Dr.
4 Torres heeded the wisdom of his daughter, Michelle, and evacuated from his West Bank
5 home; thereafter, he relocated to Baton Rouge and enjoyed his later years to the fullest as
6 a resident of St. James Place and volunteer and mentor to young physicians training at LSU's
7 Earl K. Long Medical Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was a charming, brilliant, genuine, and deeply compassionate
9 man who was treasured by his family and admired by those who knew him; and

10 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Epaminondas and Esperanza;
11 wife, Lois; daughter, Giselle; and sister, Judith Maria Doubleday; and

12 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his four daughters, Allison Torres
13 Wisener (Michael), Maria Esperanza Torres, Elizabeth Ann Torres Brown, and Michelle
14 Alexandra Torres; five grandchildren, T. Joseph Wisener, William C. Wisener, Todd W.
15 Brown (Mercy), Garrett W. Brown, and Claire C. Brown; numerous nieces and nephews;
16 and two great-grandchildren, both recently born in the care of one of his students.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of José Enrique Torres, MD, and does
19 hereby recognize his singular contributions and achievements, which will forever be a source
20 of pride and honor for his family.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 family of Dr. Torres.

DIGEST

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