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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lynn
3	Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate.
4	WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5	Representatives has learned of the passing, on July 6, 2022, of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former
6	distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate; and
7	WHEREAS, Lynn Blackwell Dean was an eclectic and unique figure in the
8	Louisiana political scene, and he was one of the most well-known politicians to have served
9	St. Bernard Parish; his twenty-three-year career in politics remains impactful on St. Bernard
10	Parish to this day; and
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Dean first entered politics in 1981 after amassing considerable
12	wealth as a pioneering entrepreneur in Louisiana's maritime petroleum services industry; he
13	was the founder of Elevating Boats, Inc., a company that developed offshore marine
14	platforms, often referred to as "jack-up" or "lift" boats which had a significant impact on the
15	expansion of the oil and gas industry, especially in Louisiana; his first public office was as
16	a member of the St. Bernard Parish School Board, and he served in this role for ten years;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Dean's most notable achievement during his political career came
19	in 1992 when he was elected as the first president of St. Bernard Parish, after the parish
20	shifted from a police jury to a president-council form of governance; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Dean's final stretch in his political career began in 1996 with his 2 election to a seat in the Louisiana Senate; in his eight years as a state senator, he served on 3 numerous committees including Retirement, Environmental Quality, Local and Municipal 4 Affairs, Education, and Labor and Industrial Relations; he was also a member of the Joint 5 Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay during his first term and the Legislative Audit 6 Advisory Council during his second; and 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dean is remembered as a truly committed servant of both the state 8 of Louisiana and the people of St. Bernard Parish; he was unwavering in his political 9 philosophies, and he achieved his goals by combining a refusal to follow convention with 10 an equally unconventional personality; and 11 WHEREAS, Lynn Blackwell Dean leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 12 seventy-five years, Jacqueline Miles Dean; his son, Douglas; his daughter, Cherry; ten 13 grandchildren; and twenty-seven great-grandchildren; he will be deeply missed and certainly 14 never forgotten. 15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 16 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished 17 member of the Louisiana Senate; does hereby recognize former Senator Dean's unrelenting 18 commitment to his constituents and to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend 19 sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared 20 memories of his life.

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