

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY SENATOR REESE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere condolences on the death of former Louisiana State Senator John David Cain.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of former Louisiana State Senator, the Honorable James David Cain, to
4 acknowledge his commitment, his many contributions, and his legacy of public
5 service that he leaves to the people of his community, the state of Louisiana, and the
6 nation.

7 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Senate of Louisiana has learned of the
8 passing from this life of former Louisiana State Senator, James David Cain, on May 8, 2024;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Cain was first elected to the Louisiana Senate from District 30
11 in 1991 and was reelected for four terms until his retirement from the senate in 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Louisiana Senate, James David Cain was
13 elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1971, and during his twenty years of
14 service in that chamber, he introduced the first bill regulating hazardous waste; and

15 WHEREAS, during his twenty years of service in the Louisiana House of
16 Representatives, he formed and served as chairman of both the Rural Caucus and the
17 Independent Caucus and both caucuses are still prominent in the House of Representatives
18 today; and

1 WHEREAS, James David Cain was born in Pitkin, Louisiana in Vernon Parish on
2 October 13, 1938, graduated from Pitkin High School, and was the first student from Pitkin
3 to attend college on a basketball scholarship; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Cain graduated from McNeese State University with a Master's
5 Degree in Educational Administration and lettered as a part of the Cowboy Basketball Team;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Cain served in the United States Army from 1958-1960 after
8 graduating from college; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a teacher and basketball coach at East Beauregard High School,
10 being named Coach of the Year twice for the state of Louisiana, and was inducted into the
11 Louisiana High School Coaches Hall of Fame; and

12 WHEREAS, he has traveled the state, giving approximately fifty speeches a year
13 educating our citizens on water issues, the need to repeal the Stelly income tax hike, and the
14 need to reform the state's insurance climate; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Cain is one of the most outspoken legislators and even holds
16 the record for the longest filibuster which lasted fourteen hours; and

17 WHEREAS, he has served as chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, the
18 Senate Environmental Quality Committee, and the Senate Agriculture Committee and also
19 represented the legislature on the Executive Committee for the Louisiana High School
20 Athletic Association; and

21 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Renee Cole Cain; children, U.S. District
22 Court Judge James David Cain Jr. (Angie Madere Cain); daughter Melissa Cain Milnor;
23 stepson, Joe Gugliealmo; stepdaughter, Angie Gugliealmo; four grandchildren; and a host
24 of extended family members and friends.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of former Louisiana
27 Senator James David Cain, father, grandfather, friend, legislator, and community leader who
28 set an extraordinary standard of humor and good citizenship for all to emulate.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
30 wife, Rene Cole Cain.

