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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR STINE

CONDOLENCES. To express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Shelby H. LaCroix upon the occasion of his passing.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3	Louisiana to the family and friends of Shelby H. LaCroix upon the occasion of his
4	passing.
5	WHEREAS, Shelby H. LaCroix, a distinguished veteran, beloved husband, father,
6	and entrepreneur, passed away peacefully at the age of 77 on April 14, surrounded by his
7	loving family; and
8	WHEREAS, born on December 18, 1946, in Hammond, Louisiana, Shelby was the
9	son of the late Rebecca (Rayford) Barnett and Shelby H. LaCroix Sr.; and
10	WHEREAS, Shelby married Janie Stine LaCroix on May 2, 1975, and they shared
11	48 years of marriage filled with love, devotion, and partnership; and
12	WHEREAS, Shelby was a graduate of Northwestern University in Natchitoches and
13	served his country with honor and distinction in the U.S. Air Force, flying the C-130 in
14	Vietnam for two tours and completing 197 missions, later earning his master's degree in
15	hospital administration from Webster University while stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, Shelby's service to his nation spanned 14 years on active duty as a
18	major, followed by service in the Air Force Reserves as a Hurricane Hunter, and

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subsequently as a captain for Southwest Airlines until his retirement in 2006 at age 60, after 1 2 which he founded Great Western Valve in 2007; and 3 WHEREAS, Shelby was a devoted family man who cherished spending time with his wife and supporting her sculpting business at LaCroix Art Studio; he is preceded in death 4 5 by his son Trey and is survived by his beloved wife Janie, four sisters, four daughters, and 6 fifteen grandchildren; and 7 WHEREAS, Shelby's life exemplified dedication, courage, and resilience, leaving 8 an indelible mark on his family, community, and country. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana 9 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Shelby 10 11 H. LaCroix upon the occasion of his passing and recognizes his exceptional contributions 12 to his country and community.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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