



1           WHEREAS, beginning his legal career in Lake Charles, Frank later joined the Baton  
2           Rouge law firm Breazeale, Sachse, and Wilson in 1963, where he continued to practice law  
3           with distinction; and

4           WHEREAS, his political career commenced in 1972 when he was elected to the  
5           Louisiana House of Representatives, serving three terms and becoming a founding member  
6           of the Young Turks, a group of legislators dedicated to reforming the legislative process; and

7           WHEREAS, in 1980, Representative Simoneaux was unanimously elected House  
8           Speaker pro tempore, and he earned widespread respect for his integrity, bipartisan  
9           collaboration, and legislative achievements, including modernizing marriage equality,  
10          lobbying reform, oil and mineral rights reform, and the removal of unconstitutional Jim  
11          Crow era state laws; and

12          WHEREAS, known for his scholarly and courteous demeanor, he was lauded by  
13          colleagues as well as the press; named Best Legislator for four consecutive years by the  
14          political magazine Gris Gris, noting both his ability to work across the aisle and his  
15          unwavering integrity; and

16          WHEREAS, in 1982, Governor David Treen appointed him Secretary of Natural  
17          Resources, and in 2008, he was elected by the House to the Louisiana Board of Ethics, where  
18          he was selected chair by its members; and

19          WHEREAS, Frank was a founding member of the Bocage Racquet Club, where he  
20          remained an active tennis player well into his eighties, and he founded the Greater Baton  
21          Rouge Hope Academy, serving children with various disabilities; and

22          WHEREAS, he was a member of Cadets of the Old War Skule and was inducted into  
23          the LSU Law School Hall of Fame and the LSU Hall of Distinction; and

24          WHEREAS, his devotion to his wife, family, and Catholic faith was paramount in  
25          his life, and he leaves behind a legacy of service, commitment, and love.

26          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
27          express the sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Frank Paul  
28          Simoneaux upon the occasion of his passing and does hereby commend his exemplary life  
29          and dedicated public service.

