



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was one of the reform-minded legislators known as the  
2 "Young Turks", supporting and sponsoring changes in state government that continue to  
3 benefit citizens today, and his leadership earned him the respect and admiration of his  
4 colleagues; and

5           WHEREAS, one of Mr. Reilly's proudest legislative accomplishments was the  
6 creation of a public trust fund, commonly known as 8g, which permanently dedicated the  
7 proceeds from an oil and gas royalty settlement from the federal government for the benefit  
8 of education; and

9           WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Reilly was asked by Governor Edwin Edwards to serve as  
10 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, a position he held for nine  
11 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was not only known for his public service but for his work  
13 and contributions in the private sector as the chief executive officer and chairman of Lamar  
14 Advertising, a position he held until 1989; and

15           WHEREAS, under his highly effective and productive leadership, the company  
16 became one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the nation; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was also widely respected as a philanthropist, giving  
18 selflessly to countless charities and nonprofits, including the Baton Rouge Speech and  
19 Hearing Foundation, Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation, Louisiana Resource  
20 Center for Educators, and O'Brien House; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly's tremendous philanthropic efforts led to the establishment  
22 of the Reilly Family Foundation, which directs charitable donations to organizations both  
23 in Baton Rouge and around the country; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was recognized by numerous organizations over the years,  
25 including receiving the 1985 Volunteers of America Distinguished Service Award, being  
26 named the *Baton Rouge Business Report* Executive of the Year in 1990, and receiving the  
27 2007 Louisiana Public Broadcasting Louisiana Legend Award; and

28           WHEREAS, as a symbol of their devotion to education, Mr. Reilly and his wife both  
29 received honorary doctorates from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 2006; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly's children established the Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., Chair of  
2 Political Communications at the LSU's Manship School of Mass Communications, which  
3 eventually led to the establishment of the Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, the only  
4 research center in the country focused on studying the media and public affairs; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was preceded in death by his parents, Molly and Gene Reilly,  
6 and his brother, Brendan Reilly; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Ann Switzer  
8 (DeeDee) Reilly; four children, Kevin, Jr. (Winifred), Wendell (Mary), Sean (Jennifer), and  
9 Anna Cullinan (Matthew); eleven grandchildren; and his siblings, Elizabeth Moynihan and  
10 Gene Reilly; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was the kind of citizen who represents what is good about  
12 Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his talents, integrity, and passion for his state to  
13 change Louisiana for the better; and

14           WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Reilly has left a great void and created a genuine sense  
15 of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative family, all of whom  
16 mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his adopted home state and this institution  
17 with distinction, integrity, and statesmanship; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed  
19 by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and philanthropy  
20 and his dedication to his fellow citizens.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative  
23 Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., and does hereby record for posterity the enduring appreciation of the  
24 citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding contributions and achievements, particularly during  
25 his sixteen-year tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of  
26 Representatives.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
28 to the family of Kevin P. Reilly, Sr.

DIGEST

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