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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., former state representative

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
3	Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., of Baton Rouge.
4	WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5	Louisiana Legislature learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, Kevin P.
6	Reilly, Sr., on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at the age of eighty-four; and
7	WHEREAS, Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., was widely respected, admired, and beloved as a
8	businessman, political leader, and philanthropist; and
9	WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and attended the
10	Roxbury Latin School and Harvard University, where he played varsity baseball and was
11	voted most valuable player his senior year; and
12	WHEREAS, after graduating from Harvard, Mr. Reilly served honorably for three
13	years as a lieutenant in the United States Navy; and
14	WHEREAS, from 1972 until 1988, Mr. Reilly served four highly effective terms as
15	a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an
16	able and productive legislator to serve his constituency in East Baton Rouge Parish and the
17	citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow
19	citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; he served with great diligence
20	as chairman of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations for many years of his
21	tenure in the legislature; and

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.

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