

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATORS MILLS AND JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Howard B. Bolton Sr.

WHEREAS, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Howard B. Bolton Sr. began a life in pharmacy delivering prescriptions by bike for Lakeshore Pharmacy, graduated from Baton Rouge High School, and thereafter from Loyola University College of Pharmacy in 1952; he served our country as a pharmacist in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 he opened and managed, with his loving wife Betty, Bolton's Pharmacy, joined the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in 1972, and became the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy in 1980 where he served for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, he remained very active serving the community with a litany of charitable work including one of his major humanitarian accomplishments with St. Vincent de Paul in opening the first free pharmacy in the state, filling seventy-five thousand dollars in free prescriptions during the first year in 1995, and more than three million dollars in free prescriptions in 2012; and

WHEREAS, to give needy and deprived children a calming retreat from their health or financial issues, in collaboration with another Kiwanis member, Mr. Bolton created the Teach a Kid to Fish Program, providing rods and reels, and enchanting experiences of varied Louisiana sportsman paradise venues; and

WHEREAS, he was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and a Covenant Sunday school teacher, a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Baton Rouge Food Bank, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolton's volunteer work included support to the Council on Aging, Louisiana War Veterans Home, St. Francis House, the Holy Grill, and he served on the board for Hospice of Baton Rouge, the Greater Baton Rouge Cancer Society, and the Capitol Area Council on Pharmaceutical Education; and

WHEREAS, as a community activist and volunteer, Mr. Bolton's numerous awards included the sixty-third Golden Deeds Award in 2004 from the Inter-Civic Council of Baton Rouge and *The Advocate*, an inductee to the 2013 Acacia Shriners and into the Baton Rouge High School Hall of Fame, Louisiana Pharmacist Association Bowl of Hygela Award, Louisiana Pharmacist Lifetime Member Award, and a two-time recipient of the Louisiana Pharmacist of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolton will be sincerely missed by his loving daughter, Pamela Bolton and her husband Ricky Lane; his loving son, Howard B. "Tad" Bolton Jr. and his wife Donna Bolton; two sisters, Shirley Bolton Anderson and her husband Carl Anderson, and Colleen "Deanie" Bolton Atkinson; six grandchildren, Nealey Lane Shipp and husband Jim Shipp, Candace Lane Chapman and husband, Andy Chapman, Lauren Lane and fiancé Brent Crawford, Taylor Bolton, Andrew Bolton and his wife Farin, and Kevin Bolton; two great-grandchildren, James Shipp and Amelia Shipp; and was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-six years, Betty Atkinson Bolton; and

WHEREAS, family, friends, and organizations he loved and supported described Mr. Howard B. Bolton Sr. as a man who believed and lived his own adage that, "we can and should help the children and people of our area because we can do so much better together than we can independently".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of Howard. B. Bolton Sr. on his death, and for the multiple community contributions he valiantly made to the community and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Howard B. Bolton Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE