

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 225

BY REPRESENTATIVE PONTI

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains of Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of Representatives has learned of the death of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains on the morning of June 6, 2013, at his home in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Frank McMains was born above his grandparents' store in Dexter, New Mexico, on May 5, 1922, to Orion and Pearl McMains; and

WHEREAS, Frank's father was a farmer and his mother was a school teacher, and he attended Grants High School in Grant, New Mexico, where he was a top student and leader and graduated in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Frank received his bachelor's degree in pre-med from the University of New Mexico (UNM) while continuing his daily hand milking duties morning and night on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, Frank became a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and remained a committed member throughout his life, and upon graduating from UNM, he was accepted into Tulane Medical School through a United States Navy program that trained doctors for war; and

WHEREAS, Frank's matriculation at Tulane gave him not only the preparation for his forty-one year career as an orthopedic surgeon but, most importantly, led him to meet the love of his life, Ann Greer; the two were married after Frank graduated from medical school in 1946, a union that carried them through sixty-seven years of shared growth, adventure, comfort, and delight; and

WHEREAS, during his career in the Navy, Dr. and Mrs. McMains lived in New Orleans, Pensacola, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. McMains eventually moved back to Baton Rouge where he served as head resident of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and later as chief of staff at Baton Rouge General; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McMains and his friend Dr. Willard Dowell cofounded the Orthopedic Clinic in Baton Rouge, and Drs. Bill Smith and Charles Kennon later joined the clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was a tireless practitioner, in the words of his successor Dr. Barry Rills, "...taking the stairs was faster than the elevator, taking two stair steps instead of one was even better, and mopping the surgery room floor between operations made it possible to do more surgeries"; and

WHEREAS, the proudest work of Dr. McMains's career was his volunteer efforts every Thursday for thirty-three years at the Cerebral Palsy Center, where he provided medical services for disabled kids; he was honored in 2000 for his work when the name of the center was changed to the Dr. Frank McMains Children's Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was also the volunteer team doctor for football and basketball teams at University and Episcopal High School while his five sons were in attendance; and

WHEREAS, throughout his medical career he was proudly affiliated with Tulane's Alpha Omega Alpha medical fraternity and the Piedmont Orthopedic Association, and he effectively and efficiently served as the medical director of Union National Life Insurance for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McMains was preceded in death by his parents and brother and by his third son Richard Orion McMains, and daughter-in-law, Thrye; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McMains is survived by his wife Ann, his four sons, Jay, Chuck, Tim, Ty and their partners Mary, Zack, and Tracey; thirteen grandchildren, Frank, Emily, Daniel, Jake, Will, Cooper, Tess, Ross, Kaplan, Parker, Reed, Parks, and Brooks; and two great grandchildren, Annie and Julia; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Dr. McMains, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons, and he leaves behind a rich and unique legacy of tenacity, determination, integrity, strength, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the death of Dr. McMains has left an abiding void in the many lives he touched throughout his life, and his memory shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of all those who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere sorrow and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains, does hereby recognize his extraordinary commitment to all of his patients over his career, does hereby record for posterity his tremendous gifts and talents, his outstanding abilities as a physician, and his generosity and kindness, does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy of professionalism and service that will continue to be a source of great pride, inspiration, and honor for his family and friends, his community, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby express the deep regret of the entire state upon the loss of this magnificent man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Francis "Frank" Charles McMains.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES