

1 serve as the U.S. Marshall for the Western District of Louisiana; upon his nomination, Mr.
2 Oakes was confirmed by the Senate and appointed by President Bill Clinton; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Oakes was superbly devoted to God, his family, and his many
4 friends; he loved public service and held a special affection for all of his friends that worked
5 in law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Oakes was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife,
7 Jemie Vardeman Oakes, to whom he was married from 1954 to 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Oakes is survived by his wife Juanita Stone Oakes; one daughter,
9 Paula Jane Oakes Sears; one son, James Madison Oakes and wife Tammie; and five
10 grandchildren, Hilary and Shelby Sears, and John, Ty and Matt Oakes; and

11 WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the entire state says goodbye to one of
12 Louisiana's finest sons and empathizes with the tremendous pain that Mr. Oakes' family and
13 friends are suffering and joins them in mourning the loss of this extraordinary gentleman;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Oakes will forever be respected and remembered by his fellow
16 citizens for his singular contributions as a most personable and selfless sheriff and for his
17 steadfast commitment to the citizens of Claiborne Parish, his family and friends, and his
18 community.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 express deepest sympathy to the family of J.R. Oakes, and offer prayers and thoughts during
21 this difficult time, does hereby recognize the enduring impact that he had on the lives of his
22 fellow citizens, does hereby extend the hope that his family and friends will be granted the
23 strength they need to cope with the loss of this outstanding citizen whose memory shall live
24 forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him, and does hereby extend
25 appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever bring great pride and honor to
26 Claiborne Parish and the state of Louisiana.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to the family of J.R. Oakes.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the death of J.R. Oakes, former sheriff of Claiborne Parish.