

1 Raymond joined the 82nd Airborne Division and completed a tour in Vietnam in 1968 and
2 retired from the United States Army in 1969 as a lieutenant colonel; and

3 WHEREAS, John Thomas Raymond received numerous medals and awards in
4 recognition of his military career, those of which included the Silver Star, the Legion of
5 Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army
6 Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, and the Gold
7 Star; during his service in Korea, he was decorated for bravery and meritorious service by
8 the United States, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, since he retired from the military in 1969, John Thomas Raymond
10 served as a local businessman and civic leader, who worked in the healthcare industry; and

11 WHEREAS, John Thomas Raymond was founder and co-owner of the St. Agnes
12 Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, which opened in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, in 1984;
13 he was the first administrator of Gary Memorial Hospital and devoted his time as a Breaux
14 Bridge city councilman; and

15 WHEREAS, John Thomas Raymond, along with a business partner, opened Buck
16 and Johnny's restaurant in Breaux Bridge, which is located in a former building that his
17 father worked in during the 1950s and 1960s; and

18 WHEREAS, John Thomas Raymond was an acclaimed businessman with many
19 interests, and in addition to his business interests, he had been active in numerous civic
20 activities, including the Atchafalaya Basin Board and the Louisiana Boxing Commission;
21 he was also instrumental in the formation of the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and
22 Museum in Abbeville, Louisiana, and in the Breaux Bridge Downtown Merchants
23 Association; and

24 WHEREAS, John Thomas Raymond served on the Louisiana Nursing Home
25 Association Board of Directors for many years and was known for his dedication to his
26 community by being selected as King Agricole II of the Krewe de St. Martin; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of the legislature wish to recognize John Thomas
28 Raymond for his numerous accomplishments and contributions to the city of Breaux Bridge
29 and the state of Louisiana and especially wish to convey their deepest sympathy to his
30 family: his wife, Coatney Sibley Raymond; his son, John R. "Bobby" Raymond and his wife,

1 DeAnna; his daughters, Renee R. Delahoussaye and Carol Raymond; his grandson, John C.
2 Raymond and his wife, Joy; his great granddaughter, Sadie Laine Raymond; his stepsons,
3 Barrett Reid Branch and his wife, Angel, Byron Branch and his wife, Rhonda, and Beau
4 Branch and his wife, Wendy; his five stepgrandchildren, Sydney Branch, Barry Branch,
5 Deuce Hardy, Julian Branch, and Tylor Guillot.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 recognize and record the many accomplishments of John Raymond Thomas, and does extend
8 to his family the sincere sympathy of all members of the legislature upon his death.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 family members of John Thomas Raymond.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of John Thomas Raymond of Breaux Bridge, La.