

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the passing of former state representative Terry Wayne Gee Sr.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 passing of former Louisiana state representative, Terry Wayne Gee Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of
5 Louisiana learned of the death of one of its former colleagues, Honorable Terry Wayne Gee
6 Sr., on May 19, 2014, at the age of seventy-three; and

7 WHEREAS, Terry Wayne Gee Sr. was born on September 21, 1940, to parents,
8 Garland and the former Cletus Grimes of Natchez, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Natchez High School, obtained a Bachelor of
10 Science degree in personnel management and public relations from Louisiana Tech
11 University, and received a master's degree in business from Loyola University; and

12 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1980 and
13 served the citizens of District No. 86 until 1992; and

14 WHEREAS, Terry Gee was a member of the Ways and Means, Commerce, and
15 Labor committees during his tenure in the Louisiana House of Representatives and authored
16 legislation to repeal the Louisiana prevailing wage law in order to lower construction costs
17 on state projects; and

18 WHEREAS, he was part of a group of legislators who declared their independence

1 of gubernatorial direction over the House of Representatives and pushed through six hundred
2 million dollars in spending cuts to the state budget; and

3 WHEREAS, Terry Gee joined nine legislative colleagues in filing suit against
4 Governor Edwards in a bid to halt runaway state spending and were joined by several trade
5 associations and contractors; and

6 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in rewriting laws which brought balance to labor
7 and management negotiations in Louisiana and fought to bring fiscal sanity to the annual
8 budget wars during the legislative sessions; and

9 WHEREAS, Terry Gee's skill, knowledge, and overriding sense of fairness made him
10 popular with many elements of the political world, and his advice and guidance was sought
11 by leaders in Washington as well as Baton Rouge; and

12 WHEREAS, he was able to move from faction to faction as he sought to be fair to
13 everyone and was trusted by Democrats and Republicans to bring balance to all political
14 considerations; and

15 WHEREAS, he gained experience in the oil and gas industry as a managing partner
16 of Resource Consultants, Limited, for nine years and served as the assistant to the chief
17 executive officer and chairman of the board of Louisiana Power and Light for eleven years;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Terry Gee was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to oversee the
20 Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, the deep water oil port for offloading super tankers and sending
21 crude to refineries across the United States, and served as its executive director from 1996
22 to 2004; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2005, he was named the assistant vice president of capital sourcing
24 of Ecoloclean Industries due to his working knowledge of government policies and
25 regulations in Louisiana; and

26 WHEREAS, Terry Gee was an affable gentleman, kind and considerate, who
27 possessed an indomitable spirit; he was open and honest; a consummate man of the people
28 who never met a stranger; a vibrant human being with an endearing compassion for those
29 he represented; and

30 WHEREAS, he is survived by his close companion of over forty years, Gale

1 Stamper; a son, Terry Gee Jr.; a daughter, Regina Gee; two siblings, Kenny Gee and Brenda
2 Barker; his former wife, Wanda Webb Gee; and four grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, in death, Terry Wayne Gee Sr. leaves a tremendous void in his
4 community and in this state, however, he also leaves a rich and unique legacy of public
5 service in the annals of Louisiana's political history, and he shall remain as a fond
6 remembrance in the hearts of all who knew him.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative,
9 Honorable Terry Wayne Gee Sr., and does hereby record for posterity the enduring
10 appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding contributions and achievements,
11 particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of
12 Representatives.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 family of Terry Wayne Gee Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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