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2015 Regular Session

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Clarence Herbert Downs

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Clarence
3	Herbert Downs of Alexandria, Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Louisiana House of
5	Representatives has learned of the death of Clarence Herbert "Sonny" Downs of Alexandria,
6	Louisiana, at the age of eighty-one on February 27, 2015; and
7	WHEREAS, Clarence Herbert Downs was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, on July
8	10, 1933, to Charles Edward and Eula Beauboeuf Downs; and
9	WHEREAS, Mr. Downs graduated from Bolton High School in 1950, attended
10	Louisiana College in Pineville, and completed his education at the New York School of
11	Interior Design; and
12	WHEREAS, in 1952, Mr. Downs established Downs Furniture Company with his
13	brother, where he worked until the store closed on December 31, 1990; after the closing of
14	Downs Furniture Company, Mr. Downs' passion for furniture and interior design never
15	diminished and he helped his daughter, Kyle, with her design business; and
16	WHEREAS, Mr. Downs was deeply committed to his family, friends, community,
17	and country; he was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Louisiana Home Furnishings
18	Association, the Lion's Club, and he served as president of the Cosmopolitan Club of
19	Alexandria, a board member of Alexandria Country Day School, and as a former chairman
20	of the Annual Menard Fundraiser; Clarence Herbert Downs was honorably discharged from
21	the National Guard of Louisiana as Sergeant First Class in Medical Company; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Downs was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Eunice 2 Downs Sayes, Ilda Downs Woodall, Bernice Downs Kitchen, and Fay Downs Ellerbe; and 3 his brothers, Malcolm C. "Mac" Downs, James Emmett Downs, Charles Ray Downs, Ralph 4 Huey Downs, and Newman Downs; and 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Downs is survived by his loving wife, Burma; his daughter, Kyle 6 Downs Drerup, and her husband, Lawrence Drerup, M.D.; his son, Stephen Dyer Downs, 7 M.D.; his granddaughter, Jimmie Rose David; and numerous extended family members, 8 cousins, nieces, and nephews; and 9 WHEREAS, Clarence Herbert Downs leaves behind a rich and unique legacy of hard 10 work and dedication and is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the 13 death of Clarence Herbert Downs of Alexandria, does hereby recognize and record for 14 posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend 15 enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and 16 friends, the city of Alexandria, and the state of Louisiana. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

DIGEST

to the family of Clarence Herbert Downs.

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