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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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CONDOLENCES: Commemorates the life of Kate Lemon, senior librarian with the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commemorate the life of Kathryn Ellen "Kate" Lemon, senior research librarian with the
3	David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library and thirty-three-year member of the
4	House staff, and to recognize and record her many significant contributions to the
5	Legislature of Louisiana.
6	WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members and staff
7	of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their colleague and dear friend,
8	Kathryn Ellen "Kate" Lemon, on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the age of sixty-five, and it is
9	fitting to recognize and record for posterity her many achievements and significant
10	contributions; and
11	WHEREAS, born in Bastrop, Louisiana, on November 1, 1948, to Arthur Harold and
12	Kathryn Agerton Lemon, Kate Lemon was a longtime resident of Baton Rouge, where she
13	cultivated lifelong friendships, many of which were formed at the Legislature of Louisiana,
14	where she was an integral member of the staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives for
15	thirty-three years; and
16	WHEREAS, Kate received a bachelor of arts and a master of library science degree
17	from Louisiana State University and served as a cataloger at the St. Louis Art Museum prior
18	to beginning her long career in Louisiana; and
19	WHEREAS, Kate began her exemplary career with the Louisiana House of
20	Representatives in 1981, and she was widely respected and admired for her superb work
21	ethic and superior research skills; and

1	WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Kate was a true resource for all House
2	members and staff because of her expertise and professional ability, and her long-term
3	knowledge of the legislative process was of invaluable assistance; and
4	WHEREAS, Kate Lemon played a formative role in shaping and maintaining the
5	unique role that the library plays in strengthening and preserving the legislative institution;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, Kate was a vital part of the team of talented librarians that won the 2006
8	Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section
9	of the National Conference of State Legislatures for their special efforts and successes
10	following the disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and
11	WHEREAS, with the death of Kate Lemon, Louisiana has lost one of her most gifted
12	daughters, one whose contributions to the Legislature of Louisiana were closely tied to some
13	of the most important times in its history; and
14	WHEREAS, Kate is missed greatly by the members and staff of the Louisiana House
15	of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate, many of whom were blessed to know her as
16	a friend and confidante, and she will always be fondly remembered for the genuine interest
17	and regard she exhibited for those with whom she worked, her readiness to assist in whatever
18	project might benefit from her vast knowledge, and her singular wit and wisdom; and
19	WHEREAS, Kate was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother and is
20	survived by several cousins, an aunt, devoted friends in Baton Rouge and many other cities,
21	and her beloved "boys", Buck and T.C., her prized Maine Coon cats; and
22	WHEREAS, the debt of the people of Louisiana to Kate Lemon is indeed great, for
23	through her mastery of her profession and particularly through her dedication to the
24	Legislature of Louisiana, she left an indelible mark on not only those fortunate enough to
25	know her but for all those who will walk the halls of the Capitol after her and who feel the
26	lasting impact of her wonderful legacy.
27	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28	commemorate the life of our friend Kathryn Ellen "Kate" Lemon, senior librarian in the
29	David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library and thirty-three year member of the staff of
30	the Louisiana House of Representatives; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her

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1 significant contributions to the legislature through her outstanding abilities, unwavering

- 2 integrity, and the friendship and able assistance she generously gave to all who worked with
- 3 her; and does hereby express the deep regret of the entire legislative family upon the loss of
- 4 this extraordinary individual who served this institution so long and so well.

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