

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR ERDEY AND REPRESENTATIVE MACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Louis Charles Bartus.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Louis Charles Bartus on October 23, 2014, at the age of eighty-eight; and

WHEREAS, he was born on June 16, 1926, to the Reverend Alexander and Goldie (Aranka) Szekely Bartus in the Hungarian community located in Albany, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louis attended the Hungarian Elementary School and graduated from Albany High School in 1943; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation he proudly served his community, state, and country by enlisting in the United States Navy and serving during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after his years of military service he returned home and continued his education at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) where he earned a degree in science education and a master's degree in administration and supervision; always a huge and faithful fan of his alma mater, he served as president of the Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association from 1969-1971 and as president of the Livingston Parish Chapter Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, he taught and coached at various schools throughout Livingston and Tangipahoa parishes, he served as principal at Maurepas High School and Holden High School retiring from the Louisiana Department of Education in the late 1970s, and continued his love of education by serving as principal of Valley Forge Academy in Amite, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he was also a training facilitator at Exxon Chemical in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, employed by the Louisiana office of emergency preparedness, and worked for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a number of years before deciding to

retire from his professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Louis Bartus was an exemplary and highly-admired citizen of Louisiana who worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political, and religious causes throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he was the town clerk, a member of the board of aldermen and mayor of Albany in the 1960s, and he was instrumental in bringing the AT&T Telephone Exchange to the Village of Albany; he was also a member of Amvets Post 68, American Legion Post 258, and Albany Masonic Lodge #466, and was one of the original founders of Port Manchac; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartus was an active member of the Albany Presbyterian Church and Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church serving as elder, choir member, Sunday school teacher, and church treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Louis Charles Bartus was very proud of his Hungarian heritage and was always a stellar part of the Hungarian Settlement, and he finally fulfilled his lifelong dream of opening the Louis Bartus Hungarian Sausage and Pastries business where people from various states visited his shop to buy Hungarian sausage that he so lovingly made and always served with information on his beloved Hungarian culture; and

WHEREAS, Louis Bartus is one of the original pioneers who worked towards having the old Hungarian Elementary School building turned into the Hungarian Settlement Historical Museum, which is set to open in late 2015; he was a member and former president of the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society (HSHS) and Arpadhon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association (AHSCA), and he served on the board of directors for Westminster Presbyterian Housing in New Orleans, Hammond, and Albany, and on the board of directors for the Livingston Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving, dedicated, and devoted husband to his wife, Pauline Yuhasz Bartus, for sixty-six years, a committed father, cherished grandfather, and great-grandfather whose love of family was of the utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life, the death of Louis Bartus has left a void in his community and the state and has created a genuine sense of profound sorrow in his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon men like Louis Charles Bartus who led by example and made the world a better place for all future generations, a true Louisiana hero, and an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana honors the life of Louis Charles Bartus, an extraordinary man who shall forever be remembered, and pays tribute to his remarkable legacy which will live long in the hearts of the many people whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana express their sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Louis Charles Bartus upon the occasion of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Louis Charles Bartus.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES