

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR MORRISH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences to the loved ones of Mr. Wilfred E. Fruge Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Wilfred E. Fruge Sr. of Evangeline, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Fruge was born to Joseph and Ida Dietz Fruge on June 26, 1930, and
5 died on Monday, May 11, 2015, at his home in Evangeline; and

6 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Fruge was eighty-four years old; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fruge was a lifelong resident of Evangeline, Louisiana, and he
8 served in the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Fruge was self-employed and he worked in the oil fields his entire
10 adult life, beginning in the post-World War II world when the oil and gas business in
11 Louisiana was becoming a significant segment of Louisiana's economy and a driver of
12 prosperity throughout the state; and

13 WHEREAS, after working in the oil fields for several years, Mr. Fruge founded his
14 own company in the late 1950s known as Evangeline Energy Operating Company and, also,
15 Master Well Works, Incorporated, which has re-invented itself as a renovation and home
16 improvement company; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Fruge's deep commitment to the exploration and production of
18 Louisiana's rich resources of oil and gas led him to assist in founding the Louisiana

1 Independent Oil and Gas Association (LIOGA), which is known today as the Louisiana Oil
2 and Gas Association (LOGA); and

3 WHEREAS, LOGA remains active in affecting government regulation of the oil and
4 gas business and urges government to strive to provide the industry with a working
5 environment that will enhance the industry and to educate the public and government on the
6 importance of the oil and gas industry in the state of Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fruge has been active in supporting legislation that would provide
8 a regulatory environment conducive to the exploration and production of oil and gas in
9 Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, family was very important to Mr. Fruge and he and his late wife, Elva
11 Hanks Fruge, took great pride in their three daughters, Kathy Fruge Touchet, Carla Fruge
12 Hancock, and Jacqueline Fruge and one son, Wil Fruge, and many grandchildren and great-
13 grandchildren all of whom brought Fruge much joy and happiness; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Fruge spent much of his life outdoors, whether working in oil and
15 gas production or enjoying his leisure activities, especially hunting and fishing in the wilds
16 of Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, Wilfred Fruge was a quintessential Louisiana man, a hard worker, a
18 Navy man who served his country bravely, a man committed to bettering his state through
19 the tapping of the state's rich resources of oil and gas, a family man whose multi-
20 generational family brought him boundless joy, and a sportsman who relished in the bounty
21 of Louisiana's forests and waters.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Wilfred E. Fruge Sr. of
24 Evangeline, Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Wilfred Fruge's children through Wil Fruge of Evangeline, Louisiana.

