

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Korean War veteran and longtime farmer in Acadia Parish, Lawrence Charles "Mookie" Bollich.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Charles Bollich was born to Frank and Barbara Zaunbrecher Bollich on June 11, 1932, in Mowata, Louisiana, in Acadia Parish, and he died peacefully on May 15, 2018, at the age of eighty-five; and

WHEREAS, Mookie, as Mr. Bollich was known to all, worked on the family farm alongside his father and five brothers and was a graduate of St. Michael Catholic School in Crowley, Louisiana, where, beyond academics, he learned to play the saxophone and excelled in the sport of boxing; and

WHEREAS, having completed his formal education in 1953, Mr. Bollich entered military service and served honorably and proudly in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, discharged from his patriotic duties, Mookie Bollich returned home, married the love of his life, Jacqueline Brown, "Jackie" to her husband and most who know her, and returned to farming the land in Acadia Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich and Jackie had three daughters, and Mookie dedicated himself to providing for his family; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mookie Bollich's relaxation from his farm labors consisted of playing softball in Mowata and gathering with his friends at JB's, their favorite local spot; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bollich also found time for woodworking and making beautiful furniture for his family, leaving a tangible legacy of lovingly crafted furniture for generations of descendants; and

WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich's true commitment and dedication was to his family, not only Jackie and his daughters and their spouses, but his larger family that eventually included thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and more than two hundred nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, dedication and devotion to his religion and his church, St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Mowata, were fundamental to Mookie Bollich and he was a very active member of the Knights of Columbus, which held a special place in his heart and allowed him to give selflessly to those in the parish and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Mookie Bollich spent countless hours giving back to his church, whether it was washing gravestones or crafting and setting out crosses and flags for deceased veterans buried in the St. Lawrence Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in a life full with dedication to family and farming and devotion to God and church, Mookie Bollich's most cherished times involved his adored wife of more than sixty years, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends; Mookie savored all of those treasured moments and memories, and his family and friends are now left to cherish all of those same exceptional memories.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Korean War veteran and longtime farmer in Acadia Parish, Lawrence Charles "Mookie" Bollich.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jackie Brown Bollich, adored widow of Mookie Bollich.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE