

1 WHEREAS, despite his blindness, in 2016, Father Pat earned a master's degree in
2 religious studies from Louisiana State University; his master's program included art classes,
3 and he was known to use his art for spiritual focus in his homilies; and

4 WHEREAS, Father Pat was committed to advocating on behalf of people with
5 disabilities; he served on the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council for one six-year term; with
6 Pace by his side, he often testified in committee meetings at the state capitol, providing
7 impassioned testimony and a voice for people with disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Father Patrick Joseph Mascarella is survived by his siblings, Lucian
9 Mascarella, and his wife Wilma, Tom Mascarella, and his wife Pat, and Marion Mascarella;
10 his sisters-in-law, Joyce Mascarella and Hazel Mascarella; and many nieces, nephews, great-
11 nieces, and great-nephews.

12 WHEREAS, Father Pat Mascarella possessed a special wisdom derived from both
13 study and experience and will be missed by so many throughout the Baton Rouge area.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Father Joseph Patrick "Pat"
16 Mascarella and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions and
17 achievements, which will forever be remembered and continue to be a source of pride and
18 honor for his family and friends, his church, and the state of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 family of Father Patrick Joseph "Pat" Mascarella.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature on the death of Fr. Patrick Joseph "Pat" Mascarella.