

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATORS CATHEY, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PETERSON, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of a beloved gentleman, businessman, musician, and former member of the Louisiana Senate, the Honorable Paul "David" Ginn, and to celebrate a life well lived in service to the betterment of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of former state senator, Paul "David" Ginn, on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the age of seventy; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn was an affable gentleman, kind and considerate, who possessed a competitive spirit; a consummate man of the people who never met a stranger; a vibrant human being with great compassion for those he represented; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Greenville, Mississippi, on August 13, 1951, the only child of C. L. "Pete" Ginn and Joyce Wheat Ginn, and when he was a young child, his family relocated to Bastrop, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn attended Bastrop High School where he enjoyed competing on the basketball and football teams and upon his graduation from high school, he enrolled at Northeast Louisiana University, now known as University of Louisiana at Monroe, where he earned a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, he desired to work for his family's business and became the longtime

operator of Ginn's Grocery in Bastrop, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn was married to the former Patricia Brown for forty-six years and together they raised their son, Philip Ginn; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn embodied the best qualities of a public servant; he was an intelligent, independent thinker who held a genuine interest in the people he represented and felt a personal responsibility to represent all of his constituency with honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, he served as an elected delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1973, a collaborative effort of representative democracy considered to be the most significant achievement in Louisiana's history during the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, David Ginn was elected to the Louisiana Senate to represent the voters of Senate District 33, composed of the parishes of Morehouse, Richland, Madison, East Carroll, West Carroll, and a portion of Ouachita; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Louisiana Senate, he was the youngest elected member of the body, and he represented his constituents with distinction as vice chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, and sponsored and supported legislation that enhanced the lives of the residents of his rural district and residents of the entire state; and

WHEREAS, shortly after serving two terms in the Louisiana Senate, David Ginn and his family returned to Mississippi where he worked for several stores, including Wal-Mart and Todd's Big Star, his last employer prior to retiring; and

WHEREAS, he was a gifted and talented guitarist and learned to play the piano by ear; he particularly enjoyed the music from the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn was an avid fan of the LSU Tigers, but after returning to Mississippi, the Bulldogs of Mississippi State University claimed his loyalty; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Brown Ginn, their son, Philip Ginn, brother-in-law, Richard Thorne, and many fond friends; and

WHEREAS, David Ginn was an individual of great strength and intellect who performed his public service proudly and willingly and leaves a rich and unique legacy of public service to his family, community, state, and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of a beloved gentleman, businessman, musician, and former member of the Louisiana Senate, the Honorable Paul "David" Ginn, and celebrates a life well lived in service to the betterment of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his widow, Patricia Brown Ginn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE