

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends former Louisiana state Senator Bill Keith upon his support and endorsement of teaching creationism in public schools.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend former Louisiana state Senator Bill Keith on his support and endorsement of
3 teaching creationism in the public schools.

4 WHEREAS, Bill Keith served as a Louisiana state senator from 1980 until the
5 expiration of his term in 1984, representing District Thirty-nine in Caddo Parish; and

6 WHEREAS, born in 1934 in Oklahoma, Bill Keith was a journalist who worked for
7 the now defunct *Shreveport Journal* as an investigative reporter; and

8 WHEREAS, upon being elected to the Louisiana Senate as a resident of
9 Mooringsport, Louisiana, in Caddo Parish, Bill Keith, a Democrat, was a particular
10 proponent of a state law requiring balanced treatment in the instruction of creationism and
11 evolution in public schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Keith received national attention for legislation he introduced
13 which required equal emphasis in public school science instruction to creation science and
14 to evolution; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Keith recalled that his interest in the matter developed in 1978
16 when his then thirteen year old son came home from school to report that a teacher had
17 ridiculed the teen's belief in God as the creator of human life; and

18 WHEREAS, the bill passed both houses of the legislature, was signed by then

