

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND ROBBY CARTER AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
John Dean Travis.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, John Dean Travis, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the age of seventy-five; and

WHEREAS, John Dean Travis was widely respected, admired, and beloved as a political leader and businessman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was born in Clinton and was a resident of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, from 1984 until 2000, Mr. Travis served as a highly effective member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his constituency in East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and West Feliciana Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; he served with great diligence as chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the State Bond Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was the recipient of the Louisiana Municipal Association's Legislator of the Month Award in August of 1987 and in May of 1991; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Mr. Travis served as an alderman for the town of Jackson and served two six-year terms as a member of the East Feliciana Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Travis was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to serve as chief of the State Office of Financial Institutions; he retired as the commissioner of this office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was preceded in death by the love of his life, Norma Jean LeBeouf Travis; his father, Hardy D. Travis; his mother, Quinnie B. Travis; and his sister, Maxine Martin; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Saraphia T. Wilson and her husband Josh and Sandra T. Allen and her husband Mitch; his sister, Shirley Day; his brothers, George Travis and his wife Sonja, Billy Travis and his wife Louise, and Eugene Travis and his wife Estelita; his grandchildren, Heath M. Allen, Heather A. Watson, and Travis A. Allen; and his great-grandchildren, Madeline Elise Watson, Kody Eric Watson, Maci Elizabeth Watson, Jayden Michael Allen, and Paisley Grace Allen; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Mr. Travis remember him as an iconic politician, and they recall his engaging personality, wit, and tenacity; and

WHEREAS, the death of John Dean Travis has left a great void and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and community so well and so passionately; and

WHEREAS, John Dean Travis leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative John Dean Travis; does hereby recognize that his legacy of dedicated public service shall forever endure; and does hereby record for posterity the abiding appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his extraordinary contributions and achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of John D. Travis.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE