2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Buddy Shaw

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the legislature upon the death of former state
3	legislator Dr. B.L. "Buddy" Shaw and to record his many contributions and
4	achievements.
5	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
6	Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of their friend and colleague, Dr. B.L.
7	Buddy Shaw, an educator, public servant, and Louisiana legislator, who died on January 18,
8	2018, at the age of eighty-four; and
9	WHEREAS, a graduate of Jamestown High School, Buddy Shaw received his
10	bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern State University, and he continued his
11	education at Louisiana State University, where he earned a doctorate in education; he was
12	a veteran of the United States Army; and
13	WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw began his outstanding career in education as a teacher at
14	Hamilton Terrace Junior High School in 1956, and became an assistant principal in 1965;
15	he was appointed principal of C.E. Byrd High School and served in that position from 1970
16	until 1986; at Byrd, he implemented a comprehensive renovation of the school, which grew
17	out of his research as a Danforth Fellow and which included his brainchild, the creation of
18	the math and science magnet program; and
19	WHEREAS, he was inducted into the C.E. Byrd High School Hall of Fame in 2000;
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WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw was elected to the Caddo Parish School Board after he retired 2 from school administration and served as school board president in 1992; he also served on 3 the Louisiana School Boards Association from 1989-1994 and was elected president of the 4 association; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish during his tenure in 6 the Louisiana legislature; he was elected from House District 6, and he served two terms, 7 1996-2004; he also later dutifully served the citizens in District 37 as a Louisiana state 8 senator, 2008-2012; and

9 WHEREAS, as a state representative, Dr. Shaw steadfastly endeavored to improve 10 the welfare of the people of Louisiana and served diligently as a member of several House 11 committees, including the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Health 12 and Welfare, the House Committee on Retirement, and the House Committee on 13 Transportation, Highways and Public Works; Dr. Shaw was a legislator whose invaluable 14 experience in education gave him a vested interest in inspiring youth, so he was an active 15 participant in America's Legislators Back to School Week; and

16 WHEREAS, as a state senator, Dr. Shaw worked earnestly to reform Louisiana's tax 17 code, including the repeal of the Stelly Tax; he was committed to ethics reform, fiscal 18 discipline, and economic development, including the Air Force Cyber Command Center, the 19 completion of the I-49 corridor, and an additional span to the Jimmy Davis Bridge; he served 20 on the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and Transportation committees, and was vice-chairman 21 of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw also served on the Northwestern State University Board and 23 East Texas Baptist University Board of Trustees; his desire to see students reach their 24 highest potential led him to create scholarship opportunities with the C.E. Byrd Alumni 25 Association, Northwestern State University, and East Texas Baptist University; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw was involved with several religious and civic organizations, 27 including Broadmoor Baptist Church, where was a deacon; and

28 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Neff Shaw; daughters 29 Stephanie Shaw, Mary Jane Lowder, and her husband Charles; son, Chris Minor; grandsons, 30 Charles "Preston" Lowder, IV, and his wife Sarah; Dr. James David Lowder, and his wife

- 1 Katie; great-grandchildren, Mary Ellen Lowder, Molly Elizabeth Lowder, Charles "Charlie"
- 2 Preston Lowder, V, and Huck Shaw Lowder; sister, Geri Goss; and extended family and
- 3 friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
recognize the numerous accomplishments of Dr. Buddy Shaw during his life of public
service and extend a well deserved tribute in honor of his distinctive career in education and
for his legacy as a Louisiana state legislator; does hereby express its genuine sorrow at the
loss of Dr. B.L. "Buddy" Shaw; and does hereby extend condolences to his family upon his
death and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

11 to the family of Dr. B.L. "Buddy" Shaw.

DIGEST

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