

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of James Barrett Benton.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of
3 James Barrett Benton, Baton Rouge attorney and devoted family man.

4 WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton died on August 26, 2017, at the age of fifty-five;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton was born on February 23, 1962, to
7 Thomas H. Benton and Neva "Bootsie" Benton in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and was the third
8 of six children born to the couple; and

9 WHEREAS, Barrett Benton's mother, Neva, died while he was still a child, and in
10 1973 his father married Jodie Fulton Odom, and Barrett became the fifth of ten children, a
11 raucous and lively bunch; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton attended Louisiana State University, graduated in 1984,
13 and, like his father and grandfather before him, received a Juris Doctor from the Paul M.
14 Hebert Law Center in 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, Barrett Benton was briefly counsel to the Committee on Labor and
16 Industrial Relations of the Louisiana House of Representatives before joining his father at
17 the law firm of Benton, Benton & Associates; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton met his wife, Nadine Frick, while both were students at

1 Louisiana State University and volunteering with Young Life, a faith-based organization on
2 campus; and

3 WHEREAS, three daughters and one son were born to Barrett Benton and Nadine,
4 and two grandchildren are expected in the near future; and

5 WHEREAS, Barrett Benton lived a full life filled with family, good friends,
6 traveling, dancing, storytelling, and making people laugh and, at his core, he was a Christian
7 deeply rooted in his faith; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton was a warm and loving person who opened his heart easily
9 to those who sought his attention, and his friendships were many; and

10 WHEREAS, Barrett Benton is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Nadine, and
11 their children: daughters, Jessica Benton Milburn, Julia Benton Bueche, Emma Elizabeth
12 Benton, and son, Michael Benton; and

13 WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton's life might have been shorter in length than those
14 who loved him would have liked, but he lived abundantly and left a legacy of caring, loving,
15 and faith for all those who knew and loved him to cherish, and there is no greater tribute.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 express its sincere condolences upon the death of Baton Rouge attorney and devoted family
18 man, James Barrett Benton.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20 Nadine Frick Benton.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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Expresses condolences upon the death of James Barrett Benton of Baton Rouge.