

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Richard David of Grosse Tete.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn that Richard David, former alderman of the village of Grosse Tete, transitioned to his eternal home on September 12, 2017, at the age of eighty-four; and

WHEREAS, born October 2, 1932, to Alcee and Alexandrine Solari David, Richard was one of seven siblings in the David family; Mildred, Doris, Rita Mae, Geraldine, Merlin, Alcee, and his parents preceded Richard in death; and

WHEREAS, a native and resident of Grosse Tete, Richard David answered his country's call of duty and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David married the love of his life, Barbara "Jeanie" Gathreaux David, with whom he shared fifty-seven years of matrimony; their marriage was fruitful and increased through the births of their children, Lisa, Lori, Lynnette, Jude, and Randall; Richard's proudest accomplishment was his family; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Richard David was elected to his first term as alderman of the village of Grosse Tete, where he labored for the betterment of the residents of the village and earned their approval of his work; Mr. David was reelected many times and served the village as alderman for a total of twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, at the sixty-eighth Louisiana Municipal Association Convention in Shreveport in 2005, Richard David received a gold service pin with six stars for serving six four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Richard and Jeanie David avidly supported the village of Grosse Tete; in 1999, the couple created the Bayou Grosse Tete Task Force to improve water quality in the bayou so residents could fish, boat, and enjoy it; the task force cleaned the bayou's banks

within the village limits; residents built piers from which to fish, launch boats, and partake in water recreation as a result of the restoration efforts led by Richard and Jeanie David; and

WHEREAS, Richard David was the first operator hired at Dow Chemical in Plaquemine; he retired as a supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David was charter president of the Grosse Tete-Rosedale Lions Club, a charter member of the Grosse Tete Volunteer Fire Department, and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 12068; he also was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he served on the first parish council; and fulfilled his spiritual ministry as a Eucharistic minister; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Richard David has left a tremendous void in the hearts and minds of his family, friends, and the residents of the village of Grosse Tete, but his legacy will forever live on through his wife Jeanie Gathreaux David; his children, Lisa David LaCombe, and her husband Brian, Lori David Callegan, and her husband Paul, Jude David, and his wife Lisa, and Randall David, and his wife Tracey; his grandchildren, Ethan LaCombe, and his wife April, Sarah LaCombe, Paul Jr., Austin, and Holly Callegan, Randall, Brennan, Karli, and Brayden David, Stephen and Andrew Gonzales, and Jacob, Sydney, and Joshua David; his great-grandchildren, Noah and Destiny Olano, and Aubrey-Grace and Alyzabeth LaCombe; and his honorary granddaughter, Marina Russo; with the death of Richard David, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge the dedicated public service of Richard David and the positive impact he made on the village of Grosse Tete through his civic and religious service; does hereby express most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard David; and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Richard David.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES