

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK AND SENATOR ALARIO

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Joseph

3 Cornelius "Cocie" Rathborne, III, and to record his many contributions and

4 achievements.

5 WHEREAS, it is with sincere regret and profound sorrow that the members of the

6 Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Joseph Cornelius "Cocie"

7 Rathborne, III, who died on February 16, 2018, at the age of eighty-one; with his death, the

8 state lost one of its very best and most-respected businessmen and philanthropists; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Rathborne was born on November, 12, 1936, in Manhattan and

10 grew up in Harvey, Louisiana; he attended Isadore Newman School in New Orleans and

11 would go on to graduate from St. Paul's School in Maryland and Yale University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rathborne honorably served his country as an officer in the United

13 States Marine Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, he established a successful career in investment banking on the West

15 Coast and later became chairman of the board of Rathborne Land Company, one of the

16 oldest businesses in Jefferson Parish; and

17 WHEREAS, Cocie Rathborne became a full time resident of New Orleans in 1989;

18 his greatest passion was to help improve the business community of Jefferson Parish; he was

19 a founding member of the Jefferson Business Council, which was designed to create

20 opportunities for business growth in Jefferson Parish; he served as its chairman from 2004-

21 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Harvey Canal Industrial Association in
2 2002, and also served as a director of the association for multiple terms; he was awarded the
3 title of Honorary Lifetime Member in 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rathborne was president of the Westbank Council of The
5 Chamber/New Orleans and the River Region; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Rathborne was inducted into the Junior Achievement
7 Business Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, Cocie Rathborne also dutifully served several years as the co-chairman
9 of the Jefferson Parish Comprehensive Plan, Land Use, and Transportation Steering
10 Committee and generated community support for the modernization of the Jefferson Parish
11 prison as chairman of the Citizens Committee on Additional Jail Facilities for Jefferson; and

12 WHEREAS, a steadfast lover of nature and developer of the Hickory Ridge
13 subdivision, he was instrumental in the preservation of Old Dickory, one of the oldest living
14 trees in south Louisiana, and donated three-quarters of an acre of the Hickory Ridge
15 community to maintain and protect Old Dickory in perpetuity; and

16 WHEREAS, he was active in numerous social organizations, including The Boston
17 Club, School of Design, and La Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin; and

18 WHEREAS, Cocie Rathborne was a pillar of Jefferson Parish and an outstanding
19 citizen whose contributions will be recognized and appreciated for decades; and

20 WHEREAS, Cocie Rathborne is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy Railing
21 Rathborne, his children, Diana Rathborne, Cocie Rathborne, Cam Rathborne, and his wife
22 Elide, Alexis Rathborne, and his wife Julie, Ashley Bowling, Lauren Bowling Huray, and
23 her husband Matt, and four grandchildren.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Joseph Cornelius "Cocie"
26 Rathborne, III; does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and
27 leadership as a citizen; and does recognize that his legacy will forever remain an inspiration
28 to the state of Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to the family of Joseph Cornelius Rathborne, III.

DIGEST

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