

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Louis M. Blakes.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Louis M. Blakes, Mississippi native and long-time Louisiana resident; and

WHEREAS, Louis Blakes was the oldest son born to Alphonse and Mamie Blakes; he entered the world by way of the village of Stock Farm in Wilkinson County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Louis spent his college years in Baton Rouge; he graduated from Southern University and A&M College and flourished in the field of music as an educator and band director; Mr. Blakes directed school bands in Louisville, Kentucky; Cleveland, Ohio; and Donaldsonville and Rosenwald, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, "Mr. Brew", as Louis was affectionately called, was an avid outdoorsman and horseman; he owned horses and built a solid reputation as the organizer of trail rides, at which his horse-riding friends, men and women, would gather to share their love of riding; and

WHEREAS, never straying far from his Mississippi roots, Louis Blakes was a founding member of the Bayou Blasters Hunting Club, which was incorporated in his birth state in 1978; the club's fortieth anniversary will be celebrated in 2018; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his children, Louis Blakes, Jr., Shandela Blakes, and Katrina Blakes, his extended family, the men who became his friends through the Bayou Blasters Hunting Club, and the students with whom he shared his gift of music.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest condolences to those who mourn the death of Louis M. Blakes and does hereby offer best wishes for comfort and peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Louis M. Blakes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES