



1 Governor David Treen, and was entitled the "Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and  
2 Evolution-Science Act"; and

3 WHEREAS, the act required that scientific evidence for creation-science, the view  
4 of abrupt appearance of organisms in the fossil records, whenever related material on  
5 evolution was presented in science class instruction; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout his legislative career, Bill Keith courageously advocated for  
7 the view that the Biblical belief that God created the entire world and human life should be  
8 taught in Louisiana's schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Keith left Louisiana shortly after his term ended and moved to east  
10 Texas where he published a weekly newspaper in Marshall, Texas, and he began his career  
11 as a writer of fiction and nonfiction, including his 2009 book *The Commissioner: A True*  
12 *Story of Deceit, Dishonor, and Death*, a study of Shreveport Public Safety Commissioner  
13 George W. D'Artois who held office in the city for decades until his death in 1977; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Keith bravely argued that a belief in the God of the Bible and the  
15 message of redemption offered through Christ should not be withheld from the school  
16 children of Louisiana and the United States, as these beliefs are foundational for a just and  
17 moral society in this generation and the generations to come.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
19 commend former Louisiana state Senator Bill Keith on his support and endorsement of  
20 teaching creationism in the public schools.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bill  
22 Keith of Longview, Texas.

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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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DIGEST

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