

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND ABRAHAM

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Bud Viator.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Bud Viator of Lake Charles.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Lanis James "Bud" Viator, on
6 June 14, 2020, at age eighty-one; and

7 WHEREAS, Bud was born on February 1, 1939, in Hackberry, Louisiana, to Octar
8 and Edith Hebert Viator; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Sulphur High School in 1957, he served his
10 country honorably in the United States Army and traveled the world, with the fondest
11 memories of Lourdes, France, in particular; and

12 WHEREAS, Bud Viator returned to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he met and
13 married his loving wife of forty-seven years, Mary Ann Maxey Viator; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a kind-spirited and generous man who never met a stranger and
15 was known for his support of the local community which benefitted him with many
16 interesting domestic and global business relationships and friendships; and

17 WHEREAS, his work, family, and friends were his passion in life, along with being
18 an avid sportsman who excelled in campfire stories; and

1 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and sister, Sherry
2 Viator Allen; and

3 WHEREAS, his life was extended by the selfless living donation of a kidney to him
4 by his nephew, David Decker; and

5 WHEREAS, those left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Anna Catherine
6 Viator, Joël Redd (Matt), and Amanda Viator; one granddaughter: Rachel Anne Redd;
7 sisters: Lois Bachelor and Jean Viator (James Napier); and one brother: Terry Viator
8 (Paula); and

9 WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American
10 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Bud Viator who use their
11 considerable talents and resources to benefit future generations, and he will be dearly missed
12 by all who knew and loved him.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Bud Viator, does
15 hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements, and
16 does hereby recognize with enduring appreciation the pride and honor this fine gentleman
17 brought to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 family of Bud Viator.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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