

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, FESI, FIELDS, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Louis B. Roth Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Louis B. Roth Jr. on October 13, 2020, at the age of eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Louis B. Roth Jr. was born on August 26, 1931, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was a lifelong resident of Acadiana; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Redemptorist High School in Baton Rouge, attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute on a football scholarship, and earned a bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roth later graduated from Louisiana State University where he obtained both a master's degree and a doctorate degree in education; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran, he served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force for three years and in the Air Force Reserve for twenty years, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roth worked for the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation of Baton Rouge for ten years and then became the Director of Continuing Education for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he was active in his community and was honored to serve as a member of the police jury of Lafayette for four years, and was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized in the ULL Football Hall of Fame, was a member of the ULL Alumni Association, and a proud supporter of the ULL Ragin' Cajuns and the Boston Red Sox; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Mr. Roth married the love of his life and best friend, Margaret, whom he deemed "the prettiest girl in Baton Rouge", and they cherished the memories made while traveling through all fifty states in the United States; and

WHEREAS, his greatest joy was his family and he leaves behind a legacy of loved family members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roth is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-five years, Margaret Donellan Roth; four sons, Louis G. Roth, Russell "Rusty" Roth, Stephen "Matt" Roth, and Charles "Chuck" Roth; three daughters, Melanie Roth Fachan, Laurie Roth Pennington, and Jennifer "Winkie" Roth; three sisters, Rosemary Lawless, Rita McKee, and Bernice "Bunny" Roth; one brother, James Roth; sixteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Boissac Roth and Agnes Greely Roth; one daughter, Cynthia Elizabeth Roth; and two sisters, Eunice Persick and Sally Delatte; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Louis B. Roth Jr., Louisiana has lost one of its finest sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and whose accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the death of Louis B. Roth Jr. has left a substantial void in the Lafayette community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Louis B. Roth Jr., record for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor he will forever bring to the Lafayette community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Louis B. Roth Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE