

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles E. "Buddy" Roemer, III, the fifty-second governor of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of former governor Buddy Roemer on Monday, May 17, 2021, at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Roemer was born on October 4, 1943, in Shreveport, as the eldest of five children of Charles and Adeline McDade Roemer, and he graduated as the valedictorian of Bossier High School; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Business School, Mr. Roemer returned to Louisiana after college and made his mark in business before winning election in 1980 to the United States House of Representatives, to which he was reelected in 1982, 1984 and 1986 and where he represented the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District with honor and dedication; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service in Congress, Mr. Roemer served Louisiana as a delegate to the state's 1973 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, from 1988 until 1992, Buddy Roemer served with great distinction as the fifty-second governor of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, though he only served for one term, Governor Roemer made significant contributions to the improvement of the state in areas spanning from increasing teacher pay and cleaning up the environment to campaign finance reform; he was a gifted orator and independent thinker, and he never wavered in his passion for public service and the Pelican State; and

WHEREAS, after leaving office, Governor Roemer found great success in the banking industry and continued to share his passion for politics with his fellow citizens at his favorite breakfast spots or in the aisles of the bookstore; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Roemer will be remembered as a man of intellect and vision whose "Roemer Revolution" left an indelible mark on the state of Louisiana and who inspired many who came after him to enter the political realm and follow in the footsteps of this intrepid reformer; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Buddy Roemer, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons, a quintessential Louisianian who loved his state and her traditions; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roemer was the kind of citizen who represents what is good about Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his talents, generosity, and love for his home state to change it for the better; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roemer will forever be remembered and respected by his fellow citizens for his steadfast commitment to Louisiana and for the fierce determination with which he fought to bring his innovative ideas to life for the benefit of all Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roemer is survived by his wife, Scarlett Roemer; his children, Caroline, Chas, and Dakota Roemer; five grandchildren; and his siblings, Danny Roemer, Margaret Lefler, Melinda Barrett, and Melanie Melville; and

WHEREAS, the death of Buddy Roemer has left a tremendous void in this state and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many citizens whose lives he touched, including the entire House family who mourns the loss of the kind nature and bright mind of this beloved statesman who served this state so well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles E. "Buddy" Roemer, III, the fifty-second governor of the state of Louisiana; does hereby recognize that his legacy will live on in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him; and does hereby express deep appreciation for the pride and joy that his memory will forever bring to his family, friends, and community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Buddy Roemer.