

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

CONDOLENCES: Honors the life of Dr. John Joseph Ernst, III, and expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of John Joseph
3 Ernst, III.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sorrow and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of John Joseph
6 Ernst, III, on November 9, 2023, at the age of eighty-two; and

7 WHEREAS, John was born in New Orleans on February 7, 1941, to Pauline James
8 Ernst and John Joseph Ernst, Jr; John married the love of his life and best friend, Virginia
9 Richmond, on June 19, 1965; and

10 WHEREAS, John graduated from Jesuit High School and Tulane University; as an
11 undergraduate, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Delta
12 premedical honor society; he graduated from the Louisiana State University Medical School
13 in 1965; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Ernst was commissioned as an assistant surgeon by the U.S. Public
15 Health Service and assigned to the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Savannah, Georgia, from
16 1966 to 1968; he returned to New Orleans to complete consecutive fellowships in internal
17 medicine and cardiology at Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation Hospital; Dr. Ernst was
18 loved by his many patients as well as his colleagues in health care during more than six
19 decades of practice; John was a fellow of the American College of Physicians and served as
20 a board member of the foundation of Touro Infirmary, where he was instrumental in
21 founding the Wellness Center; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ernst enjoyed entertaining friends with colorful stories about his
2 family history and his travel adventures with Virginia; John was an ardent supporter of
3 historic preservation and was proud to live in a historic house named Anthemion, which was
4 generously shared; John and Virginia hosted numerous events for friends and organizations;
5 he had many hobbies, including horticulture, stamp collecting, and painting; and

6 WHEREAS, John is survived by his daughter, Virginia Verret de Marigny Ernst
7 Dildy (John); son, John Joseph Ernst, IV; and niece, Kim Ernst; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. John Joseph Ernst, III, is most deserving of the highest recognition
9 for his incredible accomplishments and for the great impact he made on his community by
10 touching the lives of his many patients during the course of his life.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Dr. John
13 Joseph Ernst, III; does hereby recognize his incredible accomplishments; and does hereby
14 extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared
15 memories of his beautiful life.

DIGEST

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