

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATORS HENRY, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HARRIS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG AND ZERINGUE

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Arwin Patrick Bascle and to honor her life, legacy, and contributions to the political fabric of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Legislature has learned of the passing of Arwin Patrick Bascle on April 17, 2025, following a lengthy and courageous battle with lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, born in 1955 into a farming family in Tallulah, Louisiana, Arwin was shaped by the freedom and close-knit spirit of her rural upbringing, spending an idyllic childhood alongside her beloved twin brother Pat and his friends - formative years that would later prepare her for a life of conviction, strength, and political tenacity; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Arwin set her sights on Baton Rouge, driven by an insatiable curiosity for the wider world and a

commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, her early professional journey included a role at Wright and Percy Insurance Agency in 1981, which soon opened doors to her involvement in the final re-election campaign of former U.S. Senator Russell B. Long, a formative experience that led to her work with the Louisiana House of Representatives committees on Labor and Industrial Relations and then Commerce; and

WHEREAS, with characteristic boldness and independence, Arwin went on to establish herself as a respected political consultant, quickly earning a sterling reputation for integrity, honesty, passion, and a tireless work ethic that endeared her to colleagues across the political spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Arwin possessed many of the qualities often celebrated in those of Scottish descent - fierce loyalty, deep protectiveness of loved ones, an unshakeable moral compass, and a keen aversion to sanctimony, puffery, hypocrisy, racism, bigotry, and misogyny; and

WHEREAS, to be Arwin's friend was to be the recipient of profound loyalty, unwavering support, and the assurance of absolute discretion, for when she promised to keep a confidence, it was kept forever; and

WHEREAS, Arwin leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and devotion to her family and friends; she is survived by her treasured son, Ryan; adored granddaughter, Grace; loving siblings, Pat, Nancy, and Cheryl; and a host of cousins, friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, though she made her home in Baton Rouge, Arwin never forgot her roots in Tallulah, returning often and maintaining a close daily bond with her twin brother Pat, a testament to her enduring sense of place and connection; and

WHEREAS, Arwin Patrick Bascle was, in the truest sense of the word, awesome - a radiant force in the lives of all who knew her, a model of strength, loyalty, and authenticity, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who had the good fortune of being loved by her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Arwin Patrick Bascle and does hereby honor and celebrate her remarkable life and legacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
Arwin's son Ryan Nichols.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES