

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRAUD, CARVER, EMERSON, FREEMAN, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HUGHES, ILLG, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY, MACK, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, THOMAS, VILLIO, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS BOUIE, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENRY, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of John "Jay" Batt, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the unexpected passing, on May 18, 2025, of longtime New Orleans businessman and former New Orleans City Council member John "Jay" Batt, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Jay Batt was a fifth-generation, lifelong resident of New Orleans, Louisiana; he received his early education at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans and later attended The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Jay graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in English from Tulane University in 1984; while at Tulane, he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and received the Order of the Lion Award; he attended graduate school at the University of New Orleans and graduated with a master of business administration degree in finance in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Batt served on the New Orleans City Council from 2002 to 2006 and represented District A, which covered Lakeview and portions of Uptown and Mid-City; he was serving as the deputy chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Jay Batt served as president and chairman of the board of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee and served on the committee's executive board; he served on numerous New Orleans-based boards and foundations, including City Park, Florida Parishes Bank, YMCA of Greater New Orleans, and the New Orleans Museum of Art, and was the chairman of the board of trustees for Crimestoppers; and

WHEREAS, Jay had over thirty years of experience in financial service, real estate, and retail; his grandfather, Harry J. Batt, Sr., founded New Orleans's Pontchartrain Beach, the largest amusement park in the country prior to the opening of Disneyland; and

WHEREAS, Jay was married to Andre Batt, and they had two daughters, Bailey and Kelly Batt; he was the older brother of actor Bryan Batt; Jay will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his service to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of John "Jay" Batt, Jr., and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE