

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY SENATOR MORRIS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Phil Alexander Robertson on the occasion of his passing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 to the family and friends of Phil Robertson on the occasion of his passing.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound sorrow that we have learned
5 of the passing of Phil Alexander Robertson on May 25, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, born the fifth of seven children on April 24, 1946, to Merritt and James
7 Robertson in Vivian, Louisiana, Phil's life was defined by hard work, redemption, deep
8 Christian faith, and unshakable family values; and

9 WHEREAS, the Robertson family lived in rugged conditions, having no electricity,
10 toilet, or bathtub and rarely ventured into town to buy groceries choosing instead to live off
11 the fruits and vegetables grown in their garden; meat from deer, squirrel, fish, and other
12 game they hunted and fished; and the pigs, chickens, and cattle that they raised; and as Phil
13 recalled "It was the 1950s when I was a young boy, but we lived like it was the 1850s, but
14 we were always happy, happy, happy no matter the circumstances"; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1966 Phil married his high school sweetheart, Marsha "Miss Kay"
16 Carroway, whom he had been dating since 1964 and started a family in Ruston, Louisiana
17 where Phil's high school athletic ability winning all-state honors in football, baseball, and
18 track afforded him the opportunity to attend Louisiana Tech on a football scholarship in the

1 late 1960's; playing first string quarterback for the Bulldogs ahead of Pro Foot Hall of Famer
2 Terry Bradshaw; and

3 WHEREAS, although his love of hunting took precedence over football as it took
4 time away from hunting season, Phil maintained his studies eventually earning a bachelor's
5 degree in physical education and a master's degree in education; and

6 WHEREAS, as a young man, he struggled to gain control of his life but with the
7 support of "Miss Kay" and his sister, Jan, he found the love of Christ and never turned back;
8 devoting his life to Jesus at the age of twenty-eight he began a life and career around the
9 things he cherished most: hunting, family, and faith; and

10 WHEREAS, Phil Robertson had a desire to assist souls to find God's love, baptizing
11 many, inspiring thousands, with a spiritual transformation which impacted not only his life
12 but that of his family and others; and

13 WHEREAS, being an avid duck hunter, Phil became dissatisfied with the existing
14 duck calls on the market and experimented with them, attempting to produce the exact sound
15 of a duck, which led him to develop the "Duck Commander", a double-reeded duck call in
16 1972, finally receiving a patent and establishing Duck Commander Inc. in 1973; which grew
17 into a multimillion-dollar family business now headed by his son, Willie Robertson, with a
18 motto of "Faith, Family, Ducks"; and

19 WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2017, Phil as the Robertson Family Patriarch and his wife,
20 "Miss Kay", were portrayed on the hit reality television series "*Duck Dynasty*" which
21 regularly featured his sons, Alan, Jase, Willie, and Jep and Phil's brother, Si; and

22 WHEREAS, Phil Robertson, through his personality and Duck Commander brand
23 is responsible for an immensely positive economic impact on northeast Louisiana and the
24 entire state; and

25 WHEREAS, widely admired as a man of strong faith and conviction forged through
26 experiences, high and low, with devotion to family and authenticity in an increasingly
27 complex world, Phil embodied the American spirit of perseverance, independence, and
28 purpose while navigating the challenges of fame and public life; and

29 WHEREAS, through humble beginnings, intelligence, deep connection to the
30 outdoors, dedication to his Christian faith, family values, and conservative ideals, Phil

