

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Ira Stephen "Steve" George, and to recognize and honor his extraordinary life, legacy of service, and enduring impact on his family, community, and state.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Ira Stephen "Steve" George on October 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Steve George was born to Dr. and Mrs. Ira Dearing George, and raised in the University Hills neighborhood of Baton Rouge, with a childhood enriched by his father's academic vocation, summers spent in the mountains of North Carolina, and an early commitment to learning, service, and community; and

WHEREAS, a proud graduate of the Louisiana State University Laboratory School, Steve distinguished himself as Senior Class President, Valedictorian, and a three-sport varsity athlete, embodying leadership, intellect, and athletic excellence from an early age; and

WHEREAS, Steve went on to attend Louisiana State University, where he majored in Greek and Latin, pledged Sigma Chi fraternity, and became an All-SEC knuckleball pitcher on the LSU Baseball Team, earning a place in the school's athletic and academic history; and

WHEREAS, Steve earned his law degree from the LSU Law Center and dedicated his professional life to public service, spending the vast majority of his professional career at the Louisiana State Capitol, where he served with brilliance and integrity as a senior member of the House of Representatives' legal staff, overseeing staff and legislation of the House committees on Civil Law and Procedure, Administration of Criminal Justice, and Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, widely respected by his colleagues for his legal acumen, meticulous attention to detail, and unwavering humility, Steve's contributions to the legislative process were impactful, enduring, and often unsung, though essential to the rule of law in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Steve was a man of quiet strength and diverse interests; an avid tennis and bridge player, a world traveler and adventurer, a lover of maps, music, language, logic puzzles, and crosswords, and a captivating conversationalist whose encyclopedic knowledge and gentle curiosity endeared him to all; and

WHEREAS, Steve's life was marked not only by professional achievement but by profound personal commitment: he was a loving and devoted father, grandfather, brother, mentor, and friend, whose generosity, frugality, wisdom, and sense of humor were unmatched; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest roles was that of grandfather to Andrew and Virginia Moore, whom he supported with unwavering enthusiasm, often attending their events at U-High and joining them in spirited renditions of the school's alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Steve found joy in small acts of service and, for over 45 years, quietly and faithfully supported others in recovery, extending compassion and hope to those facing challenges, particularly in the legal community, without fanfare or recognition; and

WHEREAS, his daughter, Julia George Moore, remembers him as a man of integrity, curiosity, and enduring love, whose nightly readings of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*, were a foundation for her education, imagination, and values; and

WHEREAS, Steve George's life is best remembered not only through the many accolades he earned, but through the lives he touched and the values he embodied: commitment to education, pursuit of meaningful experiences, and a quiet, unwavering integrity; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Steve George leaves a profound void in the lives of his family, friends, and colleagues, but his legacy lives on through their memories, their accomplishments, and their love.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Ira

Stephen "Steve" George and does hereby recognize and celebrate his life of purpose, kindness, intellect, and generosity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his daughter, Julia George Moore, in heartfelt tribute to her beloved father's life and legacy.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE