

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR MILLER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Harry Lemmon.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of retired Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Harry T. Lemmon.

4 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned
5 of the passing of retired Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon on
6 Friday, April 18, 2025, at the age of ninety-four; and

7 WHEREAS, born on December 11, 1930, in Morgan City, Louisiana, Harry T.
8 Lemmon earned his undergraduate degree from Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the
9 University of Louisiana at Lafayette), where he received the Alumni Award as the
10 outstanding graduate; and

11 WHEREAS, following his early professional career as a chemist and two years of
12 honorable service in the United States Army, Justice Lemmon pursued his legal education
13 at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, graduating *cum laude*; and

14 WHEREAS, upon entering legal practice, he joined the firm of Vial, Vial and
15 Lemmon in Hahnville, Louisiana, before launching a distinguished judicial career that began
16 with his 1970 election to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit; and

17 WHEREAS, Justice Lemmon served with honor and distinction on the Louisiana
18 Supreme Court for twenty-one years from May 16, 1980, until his retirement on May 16,

1 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, beyond the bench, Justice Lemmon was a passionate legal educator,
3 serving pro bono as an adjunct professor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
4 and teaching at both Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center and Tulane
5 University Law School; and

6 WHEREAS, he chaired the Ainsworth Lecture Committee, brought global legal
7 perspectives to Louisiana students and faculty, and contributed to curriculum development
8 as a member of Loyola's Visiting Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, his commitment to the continuing education of judges and legal
10 professionals was evident through his two decades as Chair of the Board of Governors of the
11 Louisiana Judicial College and as Chair of the American Bar Association Committee on
12 Continuing Education for Appellate Judges; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Lemmon co-authored the Louisiana Civil Law Treatise on Civil
14 Procedure and served on multiple committees of the Louisiana State Law Institute,
15 influencing the development of civil and criminal procedure, community property, and
16 conflict of laws in Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, he was nationally recognized for his ethics and leadership, serving on
18 the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society and the Advisory Board of the
19 National Center for Judicial Ethics; and

20 WHEREAS, his many honors include the St. Ives Award from Loyola Law School,
21 the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Distinguished Jurist Award, an honorary Doctor of Laws
22 degree from Loyola, honorary alumni status from the LSU Law Center, induction into the
23 LSU Law Center Hall of Fame, and membership in the Order of the Coif and the Morgan
24 City High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, Justice Lemmon was a devoted husband to his wife of sixty-four years,
26 the Honorable Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of
27 Louisiana, and a loving father and grandfather to his six children: Andrew, Mary Lauren,
28 Roslyn, Carla, Jake, and Patrick, and to thirteen grandchildren.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Justice Harry T. Lemmon.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Justice Harry Lemmon's wife, the Honorable Mary Ann Vial Lemmon.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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