

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Joseph Cassimere.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the death of Joseph Cassimere.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of St. Landry
5 Parish, and the state of Louisiana, learned that the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom
6 called Joseph Cassimere on February 12, 2026, at the age of seventy-six to eternal rest; and

7 WHEREAS, Matthew 25:23 says "Well done good and faithful servant!" and many
8 who describe Joseph Cassimere as a devoted husband, loving father, caring brother, lifelong
9 educator, dedicated farmer, colleague, and member of the Mohorn Missionary Baptist
10 Church agree that he lived and earned that reputation; and

11 WHEREAS, Cassimere attended Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge,
12 Louisiana obtaining his Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreational Arts in 1973; completed
13 the Teacher Education Program at Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1976; earned a
14 Master of Educational Leadership from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1978, and
15 pursued an additional thirty hours of graduate coursework; and

16 WHEREAS, Cassimere's faithfulness over his God given talents resulted in
17 additional responsibilities and he devoted forty-seven years of service in the field of
18 education, rising from the classroom to serve as a teacher, assistant principal, and the first

1 principal of Northwest High School; and

2 WHEREAS, Cassimere broke barriers as the first African-American educator to lead
3 the district in the capacity of interim superintendent, serving with a "genuine concern for the
4 success and well-being of every child"; and

5 WHEREAS, Cassimere's contributions extended into the athletic arena as a
6 distinguished official for the Louisiana High School Athletic Association from 1973 to 1990
7 in basketball and football, earning him the Distinguished Service Award for his commitment
8 to youth sports; and

9 WHEREAS, Cassimere found fulfillment in farming with his brother planting in
10 hope and harvesting with gratitude crops such as corn, okra, sweet potatoes, and field peas
11 on the family farm; and he used his gift of farming and leadership to serve as president of
12 the Agromen Association; and

13 WHEREAS, having accepted Christ at an early age, Cassimere was baptized at
14 Mohorn Missionary Baptist Church and remained a lifelong member, serving as both a
15 member and president of the Trustee Board; and

16 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Patricia Ann Johnson
17 Cassimere; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark Lamar Cassimere and Dr. Crystal Cassimere;
18 a grandchild, Jax Jordan Cassimere; one brother, Raymond Paul Cassimere (Angela); one
19 sister, Diane Claudia Cassimere; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and
20 friends; and

21 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joshua Forrest and Christana
22 Cassimere; a brother, Joshua Forrest Cassimere Jr.; a nephew, Kelvin Kyle Cassimere; and
23 his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vincent and Viola Johnson; and

24 WHEREAS, Joseph Cassimere will be deeply missed and his legacy of love, service,
25 leadership, and integrity will live on in all who were blessed to know him.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Joseph Cassimere
28 and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brought to the
29 St. Landry Parish community and the state of Louisiana.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 family of Joseph Cassimere.

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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