

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of William F. "Charlie" McCarthy.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana on the occasion of the passing of William F. "Charlie" McCarthy and to
4 celebrate his long life of service, leadership, dedication, and achievement.

5 WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness and profound sorrow that the members of the
6 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of William F. "Charlie"
7 McCarthy on Friday, July 18, 2025, at his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the
8 remarkable age of 102; and

9 WHEREAS, Charlie McCarthy was born on August 7, 1922, in Fall River,
10 Massachusetts, and lived a life marked by service, leadership, dedication, and achievement
11 across a variety of fields; and

12 WHEREAS, a true patriot, Charlie honorably served his country in the United States
13 Navy as a member of the Navy Amphibious Forces during World War II from 1942 until
14 1945, and after the war he returned to Southeastern Louisiana College and subsequently
15 began his first career as a State Farm Agent in Independence, Louisiana, a tenure that
16 spanned two decades; and

17 WHEREAS, Charlie lived out his true passion by serving for thirty years as a
18 basketball official in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) where he was widely known and

1 admired for his enthusiasm and excellence in officiating, a role to which he brought fairness,
2 professionalism, and a deep knowledge of the game; and

3 WHEREAS, even after his time on the court, Charlie continued contributing to the
4 sport as he served for five years as an observer for the National Basketball Association
5 taking notes at NBA games, providing valuable insights to help improve the performance
6 of active referees and was later invited by the SEC to serve in a similar capacity; and

7 WHEREAS, Charlie's dedication extended beyond the basketball court and his
8 insurance career to his family, and he leaves behind a loving legacy that includes his beloved
9 wife of seventy-five years, Frances Marie "Frankie" McCarthy; son and daughter-in-law,
10 William F. McCarthy Jr. and Jackie P. McCarthy; son and daughter-in-law, Robert
11 McCarthy and Terri Breaux McCarthy; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Clare Horgan and
12 Porter Smith Horgan; his grandchildren, Lainey T. Major (Taylor Major), Kandice Clare
13 Trock (Harris Evan Trock), Kristen Clare Drouant (Ross Drouant), and Chloe Clare
14 McCarthy; and his great-grandchildren, Levi Elaina Major, MiMi Clare Trock, Ruby Clare
15 Trock; William McCarthy Drouant, Griffen Robert Drouant, Wells Parker Drouant, and
16 Jones Robert Trock; and

17 WHEREAS, Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, William McCarthy and
18 Clara Jordan McCarthy; and

19 WHEREAS, William F. "Charlie" McCarthy will be missed by all who knew him,
20 but his legacy of integrity, commitment, and love will live on in his family, friends, and all
21 who cherished him.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of William
24 F. "Charlie" McCarthy on the occasion of his passing and does hereby recognize and record
25 for posterity the rich life and contributions of Charlie's extraordinary life of service to his
26 country, community, and family.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Frances Marie "Frankie" McCarthy.

