

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Charlie lived out his true passion by serving for thirty years as a basketball official in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) where he was widely known and admired for his enthusiasm and excellence in officiating, a role to which he brought fairness, professionalism, and a deep knowledge of the game; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE