

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ AND ALLAIN

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Lionel Sutton II.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Lionel Sutton II.

3 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of
4 Louisiana has learned of the passing of Lionel Howard Sutton II, who departed this life
5 peacefully at his home on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the age of eighty-eight; and

6 WHEREAS, Lionel Howard Sutton II was born on May 23, 1937, in New Orleans,
7 Louisiana, to Loris Lusk Sutton and Lionel Howard Sutton, and throughout his life he
8 exemplified the values of dedication, integrity, and generosity; and

9 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Jeanerette High School, he continued his education
10 at Tulane University, where he distinguished himself as a member of the Beta Theta Pi
11 Fraternity, forming lifelong friendships and cultivating a spirit of brotherhood and
12 leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, Lionel Sutton was a longstanding businessman whose professional
14 endeavors were marked by diligence and success, and whose philanthropic contributions
15 reflected his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others; and

16 WHEREAS, he was an active and valued member of numerous civic and social
17 organizations, including the Optimist Club of New Iberia, the Royal Society of Gourmets
18 of Jeanerette, and the Veterans Spade Card Playing Group, through which he fostered

1 fellowship, goodwill, and community engagement; and

2 WHEREAS, Lionel Sutton was known for his vibrant personality, his love of life,
3 and his ability to bring joy to those around him, whether spending time on the water at his
4 camp in Stephenville, Louisiana, gathering with family and friends in Pensacola Beach in
5 Florida, or sharing laughter and stories around the card table; and

6 WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Mary
7 Catherine Sutton, and cherished sister, Loris Sutton Toranto, who is left to treasure his
8 memory, along with his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step-grandchildren,
9 great-grandchild, step-great-grandchild, and extended family; and

10 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his
11 memory will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to share in his life.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Lionel
14 Howard Sutton II and does hereby recognize and honor his remarkable life, his many
15 contributions, and his lasting legacy.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mary
17 Catherine Sutton.

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