

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of William "Billy" Henry D'Aquilla

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of William
3 "Billy" Henry D'Aquilla.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 12,
6 2026, of William "Billy" Henry D'Aquilla; and

7 WHEREAS, Billy was born on September 8, 1940, in Fort Adams, Mississippi, to
8 Frank and Velma Stutzmann D'Aquilla; and

9 WHEREAS, though Billy was born in Mississippi, he dedicated his life to the people
10 of St. Francisville, Louisiana; he was elected as town alderman and mayor pro tempore in
11 1972, and he was elected mayor in 1984; and

12 WHEREAS, Billy proudly and humbly presided over St. Francisville's town
13 government until his retirement in 2020; he served nearly five decades with unwavering
14 dedication and guided the town through seasons of growth, challenge, and celebration; and

15 WHEREAS, Billy was known for his open-door policy, humor, and tireless
16 advocacy, and he truly valued every voice in the community; he was also the sole proprietor
17 of a popular local grocery store for many years, and he went on to work as a sales associate
18 for National American Wholesale; and

19 WHEREAS, Billy's life was a testament to the power of service, compassion, and
20 hometown pride; and

1 WHEREAS, William "Billy" Henry D'Aquila is survived by his sons, Sam D'Aquila
2 and Andy D'Aquila (Kelly); daughter, Mary Dreher (Kevin); grandsons, Nicholas D'Aquila
3 (Megan), Will D'Aquila, Collin D'Aquila, and Drew D'Aquila; granddaughters, Sara
4 D'Aquila, Maria D'Aquila, Josie D'Aquila, and Annie Robinson; great-granddaughter,
5 Abigail D'Aquila; great-grandsons, Henry D'Aquila and Ari Robinson; and brother,
6 Michael D'Aquila (Jackie); he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his love, generosity,
7 and service to the St. Francisville community shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and
8 minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved him.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of William
11 "Billy" Henry D'Aquila and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and
12 loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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