

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of William "Billy"  
Henry D'Aquila

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES