

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ AND ALLAIN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE