

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Marvin Dan Benoit.

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 23, 2026, of Marvin Dan Benoit; and

WHEREAS, Marvin was born on July 3, 1945, and he lived in Leonville, Louisiana; his life was defined by devotion, hard work, and deep love for his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benoit served in the United States Army for six years; and

WHEREAS, Marvin was a dedicated residential contractor who took great pride in his craft and providing for those he loved, and he always put the needs of others before his own; and

WHEREAS, Marvin shared sixty years of loving marriage with his beloved wife, Melba, whom he love fiercely and unconditionally; his greatest joy was his role as a father and grandfather; he was a steady and selfless presence in the lives of those he loved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benoit was known for his generosity and had a way of making others feel valued; his smile lit up a room, and his contagious laughter brought warmth and comfort to everyone around him; he inspired others by serving as an example of humility, kindness, and strength; and

WHEREAS, Marvin is survived by his wife, Melba Benoit; sons, Daniel Benoit (Rhonda) and Elie Benoit (Candis); daughters, Amanda Guidry (Glen Venable), Pamela Vincent (Willie), Stacey Bonadona (John), and Anita Douget (Joey); grandchildren, Lubert Guidry, II; Holly Guidry; Hunter Guidry; Brock Benoit; Blake Benoit; Desiree Perry; Braden

Benoit; Maddie Benoit; Natalie Wertz; Willie Vincent, Jr.; Jacob Kelsey; Caleb Kelsey; Katherine Kelsey; Ashley Douget; Joey Douget, III; Lana Duvall; Cori Campbell; Codi Campbell; Chandler Douget; Aaron Benoit; and Collin Benoit; twenty-two great-grandchildren; brothers, Frederick Benoit (Betty Courville) and Paul Benoit (Barbara); sisters, Patricia Meche (Herman) and Veronica McCartney (Jerry); and numerous godchildren; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Dan Benoit will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his love, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to his family shall live on 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 Marvin Dan Benoit; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his military service; 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