

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Emilio Sylvester Tesei, Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Emilio Sylvester
3 Tesei, Jr.

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 30,
6 2026, of Emilio Sylvester Tesei, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Emilio Sylvester Tesei, Jr., was born on September 29, 1944, in
8 Greenwich, Connecticut, and graduated from Greenwich High School; after high school, he
9 enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a SeaBee in the Naval Construction Force;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Mr. Tesei attended Bridgeport
12 University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in health education; he later attended
13 Southeastern Louisiana and earned a master's degree in health education; and

14 WHEREAS, Emilio married his wife, Karen, on May 31, 1969, and they shared
15 nearly fifty-seven years of marriage together; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Tesei worked as a teacher and coach for thirty-three years at
17 numerous Louisiana schools, including Live Oak High School, Denham Springs High
18 School, St. Paul's Catholic School, and Block High School; he cherished the opportunity to
19 make a difference in the lives of Louisiana youth in both the classroom and on the field, and
20 he left an indelible mark on the communities he served; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Tesei possessed an appreciation for football that went beyond
2 competition on the field; while he fueled his competitive nature through coaching, he also
3 used sports as a tool to help his players develop into men and learn about Christ; he coached
4 baseball, track, powerlifting, and basketball in addition to football; and

5 WHEREAS, as a child, Coach Tesei was fascinated with the railroad and owned an
6 impressive train collection, which he donated to the Red River Valley Historical Railroad
7 Society in Shreveport; he enjoyed woodworking and was passionate about home renovation,
8 building furniture, and making birdhouses; many of his birdhouses can be found throughout
9 various communities in Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Emilio Sylvester Tesei, Jr., is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Joy
11 (Pat); grandchildren, Aaron Tesei and Danielle Tesei Polk (Drew); great-granddaughter,
12 Merritt; brother, Nate Tesei (Ann); niece, Lisa Tesei Valenti; nephews, Stephen Tesei, Peter
13 Tesei, and David Bavis; and a host of extended relatives and friends; he will be deeply
14 missed, but the legacy of his faith, leadership, and love of community shall live on in the
15 hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved him.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Emilio
18 Sylvester Tesei, Jr.; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his impact on the lives
19 of those he coached; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and
20 loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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