

2026 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA,  
BRASS, EDMONSTON AND WILEY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the passing of former Senator Louis J. Lambert Jr.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of  
3 former State Senator Louis Joseph Lambert Jr., and to record the legislature's  
4 enduring appreciation for his distinguished public service to the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of  
6 Louisiana has learned of the passing of former State Senator Louis Joseph Lambert Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Louis Joseph Lambert Jr. was born on December 21, 1940, in DeRidder,  
8 Louisiana, to Louis Joseph Lambert Sr. and Roberta Richardson Lambert while his father  
9 was working on a seismic crew for an oil company; and

10 WHEREAS, shortly after his birth, the Lambert family returned to Sorrento, where  
11 they could trace their Acadian heritage back to the earliest settlers of Ascension and  
12 Livingston parishes during the late 1700s; and

13 WHEREAS, as a young child, Senator Lambert spent many hours in his grandfather's  
14 small grocery store in Sorrento; and

15 WHEREAS, while listening to his grandfather interact with the grocery store  
16 customers and discuss matters of the day he developed his keen interest in politics; and

17 WHEREAS, as a resident of Ascension Parish he devoted his life to public service,  
18 civic leadership, and the advancement of the people of Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Lambert's early achievements included attaining the rank of  
2 Eagle Scout, serving as a page in both the Louisiana Legislature and the United States  
3 Congress, and graduating at the top of his Congressional page school class in 1958; and

4           WHEREAS, Louis earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Louisiana  
5 State University and a Juris Doctor from Loyola University in New Orleans, and later, in  
6 1968, established a respected law practice in Gonzales, Louisiana; and

7           WHEREAS, Senator Lambert was first elected to the Louisiana Senate in 1972, and  
8 two years later, to the Louisiana Public Service Commission, where he served for eighteen  
9 years and was widely recognized as a steadfast advocate for Louisiana consumers; and

10          WHEREAS, in 1979, he was the Democratic nominee for governor of the State of  
11 Louisiana, participating in one of the closest gubernatorial elections in modern state history;  
12 and

13          WHEREAS, Senator Lambert returned to the Louisiana Senate in 1994 and served  
14 with distinction, culminating in his tenure as Senate President Pro Tempore from 2000 to  
15 2004; and

16          WHEREAS, he was a champion for education and authored legislation creating the  
17 River Parishes Community College, a lasting contribution to the region he represented; and

18          WHEREAS, Senator Lambert was also chairman of the Senate Committee on  
19 Environmental Quality, and worked collaboratively to advance environmental stewardship,  
20 later becoming a member of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, where he  
21 continued his commitment to higher education; and

22          WHEREAS, in recognition of his decades of leadership and public service, Senator  
23 Lambert was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2024; and

24          WHEREAS, Senator Lambert was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, a man  
25 of deep faith, and mentor to countless young leaders, lawyers, and public servants, and his  
26 passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, colleagues, and the many citizens  
27 whose lives he touched throughout his public service; and

28          WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents, Louis J. Lambert Sr. and Roberta  
29 Lambert; his brother, Billy Lambert; and his grandson, Hunter Louis Lambert; and he is  
30 survived by his cherished wife of fifty-nine years, Mary Smith Lambert; his sister, Edana

1 Sparcino; his daughter, Jessica Lambert, and her grandson, Hayze Lambert; his son, John  
2 Lambert; and his son, Michael Lambert, father of Kaleb Lambert and Alexander Lambert;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of Louisiana to pause in its  
5 deliberations to honor the life and legacy of this extraordinary public servant.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 express its deepest condolences upon the passing of former State Senator Louis Joseph  
8 Lambert Jr., and does hereby record its enduring gratitude for his lifetime of service to the  
9 state of Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 family of Senator Lambert as an expression of the legislature's sympathy and respect.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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