

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Edith Kay Kirkpatrick.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere heartfelt and condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the passing of Edith Kay Kirkpatrick.

4 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge community and the State of Louisiana suffered a
5 profound loss with the passing of Edith Kay Kirkpatrick on Sunday, May 10, 2026; and

6 WHEREAS, Edith Kay Kirkpatrick, affectionately known as "Kay", was born in
7 Jennings, Louisiana, on July 14, 1946, to her parents, Claude and Edith Kirkpatrick; and

8 WHEREAS, from a young age, Kay displayed remarkable musical talent and, at just
9 twelve years old, earned recognition as a childhood prodigy through her performance of a
10 piano solo with the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra; and

11 WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen, she moved with her family to Baton Rouge, where
12 she attended Lee High School and was recognized for her academic excellence, character,
13 and leadership, serving as student body vice president and being voted "Most Likely to
14 Succeed"; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1963, Kay attended Louisiana Girls State and returned in 1964 as a
16 counselor, after which she served as a volunteer and frequent speaker at Girls State
17 conventions; and

18 WHEREAS, while attending Louisiana State University, she was an active member

1 of Chi Omega sorority serving as an officer and participating in Angel Flight, ultimately
2 rising to the rank of national commander; and

3 WHEREAS, Kay graduated with her first degree from Louisiana State University in
4 1968, the same year her brother completed LSU Law School, and desired to follow him into
5 the legal profession; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating with a master's degree and a PhD in Speech and
7 Psycholinguistics, she later earned a law degree from LSU and was admitted to the bar in
8 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, her early legal career with East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney
10 Ossie Brown included distinguishing herself as the "go-to" person for matters before the
11 state appellate courts and the Louisiana Supreme Court on behalf of the District Attorney;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 1988, Governor Buddy Roemer appointed Kay as Assistant Executive
14 Counsel to the Governor, where her responsibilities expanded beyond criminal law to
15 include environmental, fiscal, educational, and other policy matters including key decisions
16 affecting the state and its citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1992, Attorney General Richard Ieyoub appointed her as Deputy
18 Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division, where she handled a majority of the
19 office's work and participated in negotiations with the United States Department of Justice
20 regarding challenges to the state's higher education system; and

21 WHEREAS, Kay concluded her distinguished public service career as General
22 Counsel for the University of Louisiana System; and

23 WHEREAS, she generously supported LSU Law School by establishing the E. Kay
24 Kirkpatrick Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Public Law to inspire future
25 attorneys pursuing careers in government and public law; and

26 WHEREAS, Kay leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Charles Kris Kirkpatrick,
27 and his wife, Jane; her sister-in-law, Sandra Futrell Kirkpatrick; and numerous beloved
28 nieces, nephews, extended family members, and close friends, all of whom were blessed to
29 know her.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 extends its deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Edith
2 Kay Kirkpatrick.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 family of Edith Kay Kirkpatrick.

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