

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Susan Ann Traylor Bittick on the occasion of her passing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the passing of Susan Ann Traylor Bittick and to celebrate a
4 remarkable woman whose brilliance, spirit, and unforgettable presence left a lasting
5 mark on all who knew her.

6 WHEREAS, Susan was born on September 4, 1954, in Hughes Springs, Texas, to
7 Robert "Bob" H. Traylor and Jodie Bess Wallace Traylor, and was the cherished sister of
8 Gary Traylor; and

9 WHEREAS, from her earliest years, Susan was known for her vibrant spirit, warmth,
10 and ability to bring joy to those around her, qualities that remained hallmarks of her life; and

11 WHEREAS, Susan graduated from Gilmer High School in 1973 before launching
12 a successful journalism career that spanned sixteen years, during which she served as food
13 editor for the Longview Morning Journal and city editor of the Shreveport Times; and

14 WHEREAS, her sharp intellect and commanding presence led her to cover the
15 gubernatorial campaign of former Florida Governor Bob Martinez before ultimately serving
16 as his press secretary; and

17 WHEREAS, never one to stop challenging herself, Susan returned to school to
18 pursue higher education, earning a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from

1 Louisiana Tech University in 1990 before attending St. Louis University School of Law,
2 where she distinguished herself as editor of the Law Journal and graduated in 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, she later earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of
4 Houston in 2006, further cementing her reputation as a formidable legal and policy mind;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, she devoted the last nineteen years of her accomplished career to Ryan,
7 LLC, where she most recently served as a principal in the company's U.S. Advocacy practice
8 and earned national recognition as a leading and influential voice in state tax policy; and

9 WHEREAS, colleagues and peers admired Susan for her intellect, professionalism,
10 integrity, mentorship, extraordinary work ethic, and unwavering commitment to public
11 service, remembering her as dynamic, insightful, and a powerful advocate, and describing
12 her as "wicked smart", "a firecracker", and "a force to be reckoned with"; and

13 WHEREAS, Susan was a cherished member of the Louisiana Capitol team
14 affectionately known as "The Roses and The Thorns", where her wit, intuition, friendship,
15 unmistakable personality, and infectious laugh made her deeply admired and treasured
16 among the group and by all those around her; and

17 WHEREAS, despite her many professional accomplishments, Susan's greatest joy
18 was the life she built with her beloved husband, Tom Bittick, whom she met at a Christmas
19 party in 1990 and married on October 5, 1991; and

20 WHEREAS, together they shared a passion for travel, exceptional food, fine wine,
21 and new adventures, with Susan especially cherishing her travels to London and countless
22 other cities around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Susan embraced life with unmistakable style and enthusiasm, never
24 missing an opportunity to dance and rarely seen without her signature heels; and

25 WHEREAS, she was an avid reader, an accomplished gardener known for producing
26 an abundance of tomatoes and countless jars of homemade marinara sauce, an avid art
27 collector with exceptional taste and appreciation for fine art, and a devoted lover of
28 Christmas music on vinyl and her beloved dogs, especially her rescue dog, Mavis; and

29 WHEREAS, family game nights were legendary occasions, particularly when Susan
30 insisted upon playing Monopoly as the Scottie Dog token and threatened to read the entire

1 rulebook aloud whenever she suspected cheating, which she often did; and

2 WHEREAS, Susan possessed a rare combination of fierce determination, quick wit,
3 immense kindness, and boundless generosity; qualities that endeared her to family, friends,
4 colleagues, and all those fortunate enough to cross her path; and

5 WHEREAS, Susan embraced Louisiana's unique culture and traditions, especially
6 enjoying annual gatherings and outdoor excursions with dear friends and colleagues that
7 celebrated the state's rich cuisine, camaraderie, and sporting heritage, particularly her
8 memorable alligator hunting adventures and her plans to transform treasured keepsakes from
9 those experiences into handcrafted items reflecting her adventurous spirit, creativity, and
10 deep love for Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, Susan leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom and devotion to her
12 family, friends, and colleagues; she is survived by her loving husband of thirty-four years,
13 Tom Bittick; her brother, Gary Traylor, and his wife, Chasha; her sisters-in-law, Elizabeth
14 Bittick Dailey, and Mary Bittick Camden, and Mary's husband, Mike, her uncle, Jerry
15 Traylor, and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who
16 affectionately knew her as "The Greatest Aunt"; and

17 WHEREAS, Susan Ann Traylor Bittick lived boldly, loved deeply, and left behind
18 a lasting mark of brilliance, kindness, humor, grace, and unmistakable flair that will continue
19 to inspire and uplift all who knew and loved her.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Susan
22 Ann Traylor Bittick.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her
24 husband, Tom Bittick, and her brother, Gary Traylor.

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)]
