

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Susan Ann Traylor Bittick

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Susan Ann
3 Traylor Bittick and to celebrate a remarkable woman whose brilliance, spirit, and
4 unforgettable presence left a lasting mark on all who knew her.

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Susan's sharp intellect and commanding presence earned her the
14 opportunity to cover the gubernatorial campaign of former Florida Governor Bob Martinez,
15 and she later served as his press secretary; and

16 WHEREAS, Susan relished the opportunity to challenge herself and returned to
17 school to pursue higher education; she earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies
18 from Louisiana Tech University in 1990 and went on to attend St. Louis University School
19 of Law, where she distinguished herself as editor of the Law Journal and graduated in 1995;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, in 2006, Susan earned a master of laws degree from the University of
2 Houston, which further cemented her reputation as a formidable legal and policy mind; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Susan was admired by her colleagues and peers for her intellect,
8 professionalism, integrity, mentorship, extraordinary work ethic, and unwavering
9 commitment to public service; she is remembered as a dynamic, insightful, and powerful
10 advocate and described as "wicked smart," "a firecracker," and "a force to be reckoned
11 with"; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Susan and Tom shared a passion for travel, exceptional food, fine wine,
20 and new adventures, and she was especially fond of her travels to London and countless
21 other cities around the world; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Susan's family game nights were legendary occasions; she often insisted
2 upon playing Monopoly as the Scottie Dog token and threatened to read the entire rulebook
3 aloud whenever she suspected cheating; and

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

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

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

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

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Susan
24 Ann Traylor Bittick and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends,
25 colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

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

DIGEST

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