

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR CROWE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of New Orleans television personality and legend, Frank Davis.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of New Orleans television personality and legend, Frank Davis.

WHEREAS, Frank Davis will be remembered best for his jovial tag line from his television broadcasts, "Naturally N'Awlins", with which he concluded each of his interviews; and

WHEREAS, Frank Davis was a WWL radio and television star for almost four decades, from 1974 until his health-related retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, he was known for his outdoor acumen, culinary skills, love of Carnival, Crescent City accent, and affable demeanor; and

WHEREAS, he was a bonafide New Orleanian born on North Tonti Street in 1943 and was educated at St. Joseph Elementary School, Sacred Heart of Jesus High School, and Louisiana State University in New Orleans, now known as the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he later concluded his education at Charity Hospital where he studied to become an X-ray technician; and

WHEREAS, Frank Davis married his beloved wife, Mary Clare, in 1968, while serving a stint in the Louisiana National Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, Frank Davis' broadcast career began while working in public relations  
2 with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries where a WWL radio producer  
3 noticed his outdoorsman expertise and offered him weekend work at the station, hosting live  
4 sportsman's talk shows; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Davis engulfed himself so much in his broadcasts that the  
6 broadcasts ranged from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, never leaving him  
7 at a loss for words; and

8 WHEREAS, he was adored by all he encountered, both in person and through radio  
9 and television, because he was a part of the heart of New Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, his former coworkers stated his jocular, energetic, on-air personality  
11 was absolutely genuine because he loved to make people smile, laugh and was simply fun  
12 to be around; and

13 WHEREAS, he never missed one Mardi Gras in thirty years and always celebrated  
14 the things that were unique in New Orleans because he believed the city had a very special  
15 and unique culture, and he always reminded everyone what it was like to be "Naturally  
16 N'Awlins"; and

17 WHEREAS, he was the perfect guide to both the secret wetland fishing locations and  
18 the proper use of a cast iron skillet; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank Davis had a passion for cooking and feeding those in need, which  
20 was exemplified during hurricanes when he set up his studio kitchen to feed the cast and  
21 crew during the long hours of storm coverage; and

22 WHEREAS, Frank Davis had become a leader in the region's passion for Creole  
23 cooking by the time he retired in 2011, hosted a Tuesday morning cooking demonstration  
24 with Mary Clare, and wrote five cookbooks; and

25 WHEREAS, he was truly an honorable man who committed his life to his hometown  
26 and his neighbors across the city; and

27 WHEREAS, Frank Davis spent his last glorious days in Texas where he and his wife  
28 relocated to be closer to his daughter, Amanda, and grandchildren; however, he certainly did  
29 not want to leave his home in Slidell; and

30 WHEREAS, he died at the age of seventy-one and is survived by his wife, Mary

1 Clare Bruscato Davis; mother, Rosina Sellier Davis; sister, Rosina Marie Davis Smith;  
2 daughter, Amanda Clare Davis Landry; and four precious grandchildren: Elisabeth Clare  
3 Davis, Matthew Davis Landry, Zachary Joseph Landry, and Benjamin Hughes Landry.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of New Orleans television  
6 personality and legend, Frank Davis.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mary  
8 Clare Bruscato Davis, Rosina Sellier Davis, and Amanda Clare Davis Landry.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

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