

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH, ALLAIN, BROWN AND CHABERT AND
REPRESENTATIVES DOVE, GISCLAIR, HARRISON AND
RICHARD

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the passing of Lafourche Parish tax
assessor, Michael Hal Martin.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of
Michael Hal Martin, Lafourche Parish tax assessor.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
learned of the death of Michael Hal Martin on March 4, 2014, at the age of fifty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Michael Hal Martin was born on October 17, 1955, to Leroy and Dot
Martin; and

WHEREAS, he was a native and resident of Galliano, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from South Lafourche High School in 1973 and attended
Nicholls State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business
Administration in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin attended Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge
and earned a Juris Doctor in 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he married his childhood sweetheart, Tammy Lathrop, and in
1985, they welcomed a son, Hal; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from law school, Mr. Martin began a private law
practice in Galliano, and in 1988 was appointed as an assistant district attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, he was elected as the assessor of Lafourche Parish and

1 subsequently reelected in 2003, 2007, and 2011, without opposition; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was a certified Louisiana assessor, a member of the
3 Louisiana Assessors' Association, and a member of the International Association of
4 Assessing Officers; and

5 WHEREAS, he served on the Louisiana Assessors' Association's oil and gas,
6 watercraft, constitution and legal study, legislative, and insurance committees, as well as its
7 president in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was past president of the Lafourche Parish Bar Association,
9 the Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and co-chairman of the American
10 Cancer Society; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Adjudicated Properties Committee at the
12 Louisiana State Law Institute, the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce, the Lafourche
13 Chamber of Commerce, the Bayou Industrial Group, the Louisiana Organ Procurement
14 Agency, the Knights of Columbus, the Nicholls State Alumni Association, Delta Theta Phi
15 Law Fraternity, and was the incorporator of Casa Hope, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael Hal Martin is survived by his wife of thirty-three years,
17 Tammy; a son, Hal Michael Martin; his parents, Leroy and Dot Martin; a brother, Perry
18 Martin; and a sister, Lisa Martin; and

19 WHEREAS, with the death of Michael Hal Martin, Louisiana has lost one of its
20 finest sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and a man whose
21 accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his community, state, and nation; and

22 WHEREAS, the death of Michael Hal Martin has left a substantial void in the
23 Galliano community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his
24 memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this
25 remarkable gentleman.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael Hal Martin of Galliano,
28 records for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extends enduring appreciation for
29 the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Galliano community, the
30 state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 family of Michael Hal Martin.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

Gary Smith

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