

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was past president of the Lafourche Parish Bar Association, the Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and cochairman of the American Cancer Society; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES