

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR LONG

CONDOLENCES. Express heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ellis Spencer Martin.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Ellis Spencer Martin.

WHEREAS, Ellis Spencer Martin was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on October 14, 1917, the eldest son of Louisiana lumber pioneer, Roy O. Martin Sr. and Mildred Brown Martin; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Bolton High School and attended Louisiana State University for two years, after which he began his lifelong successful career in the lumber business at nineteen years of age when he became the manager of the Martin Timber Company in Castor, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he served as president of Martin Timber Company until 1974, when he and his wife moved from Ringgold, Louisiana, to Pineville, Louisiana, where he became chairman and CEO of Roy O. Martin Lumber Company until his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership in the family's wood-product manufacturing business were Martin Timber Company in Castor, Louisiana; Colfax Treating Company in Pineville, Louisiana; Dura-Wood Treating Company in Alexandria, Louisiana; and Martco Limited Partnership in LeMoyen, Louisiana; and a plywood plant in Chopin, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Martin's business acumen allowed the company to grow and

1 expand beyond expectations, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of the Martin
2 family; and

3 WHEREAS, although he was a focused businessman, he was ever mindful of his
4 relationship with God, attending the First Baptist Church in Ringgold, Louisiana, where he
5 served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and was instrumental in the building of its
6 sanctuary, and when he relocated to Pineville, Louisiana, he became an involved member
7 of the First Baptist Church there; and

8 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his loving wife and mother of his children,
9 Virginia Slaughter Martin; parents, Roy O. Martin Sr., and Mildred Brown Martin; brother
10 Roy O. Martin Jr.; and sister, Virginia Martin Howard; and

11 WHEREAS, he is survived by his five children, David S. Martin, Bonnie Martin
12 Nelson, Susan Martin Potter, Jonathan E. Martin, and Mary Martin Fowler; his nine
13 grandchildren, Jill Martin, Scot Clayborn, Allison Martin Lohmann, Spencer Martin, Erica
14 Nelson Bulatovic, Jason Claiborne, Natalie Martin Monroe, Amanda Martin Vincent, and
15 Ellis Fowler; twenty great-grandchildren; a brother, Norman K. Martin; a sister, Esther
16 Martin Floyd; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, Ellis Spencer Martin will forever be remembered by those whose lives
18 he touched as being a loving father, a kind brother, and a generous man who gave back to
19 those in his life and community.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express its heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ellis Spencer Martin.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of Ellis Spencer Martin.

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

DIGEST

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