

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR LONG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE