

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lory Mayfield Frey Jr.

A RESOLUTION

To express the heartfelt and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lory Mayfield Frey Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Lory Mayfield Frey Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Lory Mayfield Jr. was born in Haynesville, Louisiana, on September 21, 1923, to Lorry Mayfield Frey Sr. and Thelma Miller Frey; and

WHEREAS, education was the study and work of Mr. Mayfield's life, beginning with his high school education at Ouachita Parish High School, graduating in 1940 and then attending the New Mexico Military Institute; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his pursuit of a life-long work in education, Mr. Mayfield served his country during World War II in the famed 3rd Infantry Division and traveled to Naples, Italy, where he found himself in the Anzio campaign and spent sixty days in a foxhole being shelled night and day, then spent two-and-a-half years in the European Theatre where he was "on loan" for a short period of time to the French Fourth Army; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of the prestigious Croix de Guerre medal, he received a Combat Infantryman Badge, a Presidential Unit Citation, and numerous other awards, medals and ribbons, and in 2001, the Consulate General of France in New Orleans honored him with a special plaque and citation for his part in the liberation of France; and

1 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Mayfield continued his education receiving his
2 bachelor's degree in economics from Southern Methodist University where he was a member
3 of Phi Delta Theta, then earned a master's degree in English from the University of
4 Mississippi, and at one point was invited to Rowan Oak to meet William Faulkner; he earned
5 his next degree, an Education Specialist degree, from the University of Arkansas; and

6 WHEREAS, over the next forty-plus years, Mr. Mayfield continued on his path of
7 educating the youth of Louisiana, always striving for excellence in education for the young
8 people of Minden High School, Ouachita High School, Northeast Louisiana University,
9 Riverfield Academy, Ridgedale Academy, and West Monroe High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Frey touched and influenced the lives of thousands of students, and
11 mentored over sixty student teachers throughout his long and illustrious career in education,
12 many of whom stayed in contact with him until his death, recounting their fond memories
13 with him; and

14 WHEREAS, he is also credited with leading the charge at West Monroe High School,
15 upon the urging of a group of his students, to form the first high school danceline in the state
16 of Louisiana, and he was very proud to be the founding father of the now renowned Rebel
17 Raiders which he recounted as not just a danceline, but an outlet for young women to
18 participate in a sport that allowed them to showcase their athletic talents while teaching them
19 the importance of poise and grace and the high standards of being a true lady; and

20 WHEREAS, his love of family and friends was always of the utmost importance to
21 him in his life; he shared his unconditional love and his life of service and dedication with
22 his family: his devoted and loving wife of sixty-one years, Bettye Acklin Frey, who preceded
23 him in death; their cherished daughters, Lori and Lisa, and their families; his beloved
24 grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews; "his girls" and the countless others he
25 "adopted" as his family throughout his lifetime; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield maintained involvement in his community through
27 various organizations; he was a former member of Memorial Methodist Church and until his
28 death was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, where he served on
29 multiple committees including the committee to establish a daycare center, a ministry of
30 which he was quite proud; he was also a member of his beloved Anna Grace Noe Sunday
31 School class where he and his wife Bettye shared much joy and many wonderful times; and

1 WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
2 the death of Lory Mayfield Jr. has left a void in his community and has created a genuine
3 sense of profound sorrow for his friends and family; and

4 WHEREAS, Lory Mayfield Frey Jr. was a kind and gentle soul and upon his death
5 the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark on the lives of all those who
6 had the honor of being taught by him or the privilege of having known him; and

7 WHEREAS, Lory Mayfield Jr. was the kind of person who represents what is good
8 about Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his talents, integrity, and passion to change his
9 community, state and country for the better; and

10 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
11 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like Lory
12 Mayfield Frey Jr. who dedicate themselves and their lives to educating our future
13 generations.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby recognize the extraordinary life of Lory Mayfield Frey Jr.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 daughters of Lory Mayfield Frey Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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