

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO AND SENATOR ALARIO

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences and the heartfelt sorrow of the Louisiana Legislature upon the death of Dr. Ellis Ralph Lupin, a prominent New Orleans physician, philanthropist, attorney, civic leader, and public servant.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 1, 2014, the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans lost one of its very best and most respected citizens with the passing of Dr. Ralph Lupin after a valiant battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin had a lifelong quest to learn and grow; he obtained a B.S. in Pharmacy from Loyola in 1952 and a Medical Doctorate Degree from Louisiana State University in 1956, served as a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Touro Infirmary until 1958, and obtained a law degree from Loyola Law School in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Lupin demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the military by serving in the United States Air Force from 1956 until 1963 and in the Louisiana Air National Guard from 1979 until 1997; he also served as a consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General for Medical and Legal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin became a partner, co-founder, and group organizer of the Women's Medical Center in Gretna, Louisiana, when his tour of duty ended with the United States Air Force and was instrumental in developing the group into one of the premier obstetrics and gynecology practices in the New Orleans region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin and his brothers, Dr. Arnold Lupin and Dr. Sam Lupin, founded and operated St. Charles General Hospital in New Orleans and successfully operated the facility until its sale in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Lupin held senior positions on the staffs of Meadowcrest and West Jefferson hospitals, was one of the leaders in the Westbank Physicians Network, and was an original board member of the state commission on home health care; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Lupin served his community with integrity, compassion,  
2 honor, and love; he and his brothers formed the Lupin Foundation, a nonprofit foundation  
3 that has helped many other nonprofit organizations, community service providers, churches,  
4 and the needy with grants of two million dollars a year for the last thirty years; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin served on the Vieux Carre Commission as chair, the  
6 Louisiana State Museum Board for nearly four decades, where he served twice as chair, and  
7 the boards of many other organizations, including the Louisiana Museum Foundation, the  
8 New Orleans Museum of Art, the Lupin Foundation, the New Orleans Center for Creative  
9 Arts, the New Orleans Symphony, Children's Hospital of New Orleans, Jewish Family &  
10 Children's Services, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the University of New  
11 Orleans Foundation, the Audubon Institute, the National World War II Museum, the Upper  
12 Pontalba Commission as chair, the Sophie Gumbel Guild, the New Orleans Opera  
13 Association, the New Orleans Ballet Association, the Jewish Foundation, Young Audiences,  
14 and Bridge House; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Lupin was a lifelong supporter of the arts and contributed  
16 immensely to both performing and visual arts, evidenced by his donation of an extensive  
17 Amari porcelain collection to the New Orleans Museum of Art, his sponsorship of the  
18 "Cinderella" performance of the New Orleans Opera Association, and his long-time support  
19 of the New Orleans Ballet Association; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin continued to serve his community later in life; he refused to  
21 leave his beloved city of New Orleans when it was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and instead  
22 donned his military uniform and stepped in to serve at the Superdome during the storm and  
23 as a first responder by helping those in need; and

24           WHEREAS, one of Dr. Ralph Lupin's last acts of charity was the Lupin Foundation's  
25 recent decision to fund and underwrite the creation of the Holocaust Wing of the World War  
26 II Museum; and

27           WHEREAS, Dr. Lupin was preceded in death by his first wife, Freda Merlin Lupin,  
28 and their beloved son, Michael Jeffrey; he leaves to cherish his memories his loving and  
29 devoted wife, Pam Halter Lupin; his son Dr. Jay Stephen Lupin and wife Judith of Scarsdale,  
30 New York; his step-daughter Shaney Woods and husband Robbie of New Orleans; his  
31 brothers, Dr. Arnold M. Lupin and his wife Celia of Metairie and Dr. Samuel Lupin and wife

1 Linda of Monsey, New York; his sisters, Fagey L. Fischman and Reva E. Lupin and husband  
2 Sanford Kutner; his two grandchildren and a step-granddaughter plus numerous nieces and  
3 nephews; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Lupin leaves behind a legacy that touched, and will continue  
5 to touch, generations of New Orleanians.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Dr. Ellis Ralph Lupin and does  
8 hereby record for posterity his outstanding achievements and contributions to the city of  
9 New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
11 to the family of Dr. Ellis Ralph Lupin.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE