

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

COMMENDATIONS. Posthumously commends Al J. Ransome for his service to the state of Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously Al J. Ransome for his service to the state of Louisiana and as a pioneer in the field of unemployment compensation cost control management.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Al J. Ransome on Friday, March 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, he was a native of Morganza and a resident of Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, he attended Louisiana State University and enrolled in accounting, business administration, and computer science classes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ransome's knowledge, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit led to the creation of a competitive nationwide industry in cost control management of unemployment compensation for employers; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Mr. Ransome founded Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, Inc., and served as its chief executive officer until early 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Ransome founded Unemployment Cost Solutions, LLC and served as its chief executive officer until his demise; and

WHEREAS, he was responsible for the design, development, and implementation of an ongoing computerized management control and reporting system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ransome was extremely knowledgeable in unemployment law,

1 having worked in the unemployment compensation industry for over forty years; and

2 WHEREAS, as a result of his expertise in data collection and statistics, in 1986 and  
3 1987, he was asked to serve on a task force established by the governor and a task force  
4 established by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry to address Louisiana's  
5 bankrupt unemployment trust fund; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ransome developed the concept of bonding the one billion dollars  
7 unemployment compensation trust fund debt which would retire the debt seven years early  
8 and allow the unemployment compensation trust fund to grow to one and one-half billion  
9 dollars; and

10 WHEREAS, when hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Louisiana, Mr. Ransome  
11 anticipated the effect those storms were going to have on the field of unemployment cost  
12 control for private sector and governmental employers; and

13 WHEREAS, he was able to bring together the Louisiana Workforce Commission,  
14 the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, and the AFL-CIO to enact legislation  
15 over a period of years which allowed the unemployment compensation trust fund to absorb  
16 the unemployment compensation paid to displaced workers without Louisiana employers  
17 having to absorb any of the cost; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ransome worked together with labor and industry to pass  
19 legislation that was equally beneficial to labor, industry, and the state; and

20 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Darlene Sansone Ransome; a  
21 daughter, Stephanie "Taffy" Matheny; three sons, Justin Paul Ransome, Dustin Mark  
22 Ransome, and Al Jerome Ransome II; and seven grandchildren, John W. St. Amant II,  
23 Christopher Matheny, Breeanna Ransome, Brooke Ransome, Blair Ransome, Christin  
24 Ransome, and Cullen Ransome; and

25 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities,  
26 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon the people like  
27 Al J. Ransome; and

28 WHEREAS, Al J. Ransome merits this posthumous commendation for the  
29 tremendous honor, integrity, and service that he brought to his clients, the state of Louisiana,  
30 and to all who knew and loved him.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby  
2 posthumously commends Al J. Ransome, who exemplified all that is good about Louisiana,  
3 and recognizes and records for posterity his long and productive career as a distinguished  
4 entrepreneur and pioneer in the field of unemployment compensation cost control  
5 management.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 family of Al J. Ransome.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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DIGEST

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