

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Edwin William "Bill" Curry, former Senate comptroller.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of former Senate comptroller and dedicated public servant, Edwin William "Bill" Curry, and to commemorate a life well spent in service to his country and his state.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Edwin William "Bill" Curry on May 11, 2015, at age seventy-one; and

WHEREAS, Edwin William Curry was born on August 1, 1943, in Franklin, Louisiana, and was reared in the community of Centerville in St. Mary Parish; and

WHEREAS, he was an excellent student and upon graduation from Centerville High School in 1961, attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Bill began graduate school at the University of Virginia and later transferred to Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, within a semester of obtaining his master's degree, he was called to serve his country with induction into the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, soon after his call to duty, he married his sweetheart, Nancy LeJeune,

1 on the fourth of July and their first two years of married life was spent at his duty station in  
2 West Germany; and

3 WHEREAS, upon honorable discharge from military service, Bill returned to  
4 graduate school at LSU in 1971 and, after having served as a student clerk employed by the  
5 office of secretary of state, he renewed his career in public service as a division of  
6 administration accountant responsible for the office of lieutenant governor and the House  
7 of Representatives and, in September 1972, began employment with the Louisiana Senate;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Curry's attention to detail and superior skill set advanced him to  
10 positions as legislative fiscal officer, legislative controller, and from 1982 to 2013, Senate  
11 comptroller; and

12 WHEREAS, he developed and maintained positive working relationships with Senate  
13 Presidents and the chief of staff on all financial matters affecting the legislative branch; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Curry continually maintained the trust and support of legislators  
15 and legislative staff and he was known affectionately as "Mr. Bill"; and

16 WHEREAS, with his years of public service experience, Bill Curry exemplified all  
17 of the finest qualities of a proficient, legislative comptroller and steward of public funds who  
18 was highly respected among his peers and admired for his professionalism, and he  
19 steadfastly adhered to the most stringent standards of honesty and integrity; and

20 WHEREAS, Bill Curry humbly served his God as a head elder at the Good Shepherd  
21 Lutheran Church; and

22 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Evans "Prof" Curry and  
23 Gertrude Stockstill Curry and brother, Evans Curry; and

24 WHEREAS, Bill Curry is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Edwin William "Bill"  
25 Curry III and his wife, Lauren; daughter, Christina "Christy" Dorsa and her husband, Tony;  
26 and grandchildren William, Elizabeth, and Camille Curry, and Abigail and Savannah Dorsa;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Bill Curry was an extraordinary man and a caring individual who left  
29 an indelible mark on the legislators and legislative officers and employees whom he served  
30 so well.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
2           express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Edwin William "Bill" Curry,  
3           former Senate comptroller and does hereby commend his significant contributions to the  
4           Senate, the Louisiana Legislature, and state government, and his commitment to budgetary  
5           excellence, his friendship, his leadership, and the able assistance he so generously imparted  
6           to all who worked with him.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his  
8           widow, Nancy Curry.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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