

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lynne G. Piglia Marino.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lynne G. Piglia Marino.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Lynne G. Piglia Marino on May 18, 2015, at age seventy-eight, after fighting an almost year-long battle with pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Gautreaux was born on May 23, 1936, grew up in New Orleans, and graduated from Redemptorist High School, Loyola University, and St. Mary's Dominican College; and

WHEREAS, she raised her four children, Edward, Ellen, Nancy, and Pam, as a single mother for most of their lives while working two jobs and attending night school; and

WHEREAS, Lynne was an administrative assistant at Pelican Printing and the Pontchartrain Hotel and an office manager for Pan American Life; she was past president for both the New Orleans' Secretary's Association and the National Secretary's Association; and she was the accountant for Ed White and Associates for over thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2002, she learned that her daughter, Pam Kinamore, had disappeared from her Baton Rouge home with her body being found four days later under Interstate 10 near Whiskey Bay, one of seven apparent female victims of a serial killer; and

1 WHEREAS, after the death of her daughter, she became a driving force behind the
2 investigation into the slayings; and

3 WHEREAS, Lynne organized rallies on the Louisiana State Capitol steps and
4 galvanized family members of past victims who, until then, had no advocate and no voice;
5 upon uncovering a lack of funds appropriated for DNA testing in Louisiana, she successfully
6 campaigned to secure additional funding; she traveled across the country to do interviews
7 on national television programs and gave interviews to newspapers and magazines, was an
8 invited speaker at the FBI Headquarters in Quantico, Virginia, and became the spokesperson
9 for Victims and Citizens against Crime; and

10 WHEREAS, through such efforts and in recognition of and in support for the families
11 and friends of the seven victims, the Legislature of Louisiana adopted resolutions that
12 recognized April 9, 2003, as a Day of Prayer in Louisiana for the victims of the South
13 Louisiana serial killer and for the victims' families, recognized Tuesday, June 17, 2003, as
14 a Day of Prayer and Comfort paralleling a proclamation issued by Governor M. J. "Mike"
15 Foster, and in 2004, recognized the month of April every year as "Crime Victims Awareness
16 and Memorial Month" in order to promote public awareness of and educate the public on the
17 need to prevent violent crimes against women; and

18 WHEREAS, in recognition of such advocacy, she was named to and served on the
19 Interagency Council on the Prevention of Sex Offenses; and

20 WHEREAS, Lynne Marino was extraordinary, fearless, tenacious, resilient,
21 straight-forward, and always at the top of her game and made a positive difference in the
22 lives of families of the victims of the serial killer to whom she was a leader and a warrior
23 seeking justice; and

24 WHEREAS, in a rare event, she was permitted to speak to the Louisiana Senate from
25 the chair of the President while the Senate was in session; and

26 WHEREAS, following Hurricane Katrina, she relocated to Gonzales and lived in The
27 Greens where she was involved in the Civic Association and served on various committees;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Lynne loved working in her garden, traveling around the world, and was
30 an avid collector of fine antiques and true friends; and

1 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Pam Piglia Kinamore, and
2 her parents, Irma and Noah Gautreaux; and

3 WHEREAS, Lynne G. Piglia Marino is survived by her sister, Carol Gautreaux
4 LeBlance (Jesse); her three children: Edward Piglia Jr. (Kathleen), Nancy Piglia Thomas
5 (Gerard) and Ellen Piglia White (Ed); twelve grandchildren: Justin, Joshua, James and Jesse
6 Thomas, Jessica Piglia, Jacob Kinamore, Natalie and Rebecca White, Dana Diaz and
7 Rechelle Diaz Brooks, Kerri W. Booker and Brent White; and five great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, her surviving family members and many friends, particularly the
9 families of victims of the serial killer, will forever remember her by the following:

10 May the life I lived speak for me,
11 May the service I gave speak for me,
12 May the work I've done speak for me.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 commemorate the life of Lynne G. Piglia Marino, does hereby recognize and record for
15 posterity her significant contributions, and does hereby express the deep regret upon the loss
16 of this extraordinary individual.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
18 of Lynne G. Piglia Marino's children, Edward Piglia, Ellen White, and Nancy Thomas.

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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