BY SENATOR MORRELL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Christopher "Chris" San Marco.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Arabi and New Orleans, Louisiana, learned of the death of Mr. San Marco on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at the age of seventy-nine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Arabi; and

WHEREAS, he was the son of the late Dominick and Conchetta DiFatta San Marco; and

WHEREAS, he was the husband of Mary Matthews San Marco for forty-nine years and together they raised two children: Christopher San Marco Jr. and Teresa San Marco Ready; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco had one grand daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ready; and WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 from the United States Army after serving his country proudly for twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco was an invaluable asset to the United States Army and mentored many young soldiers throughout his military career; and

WHEREAS, his many years of selfless service to his country and living by the Army value system truly exemplified the definition of Army Pride; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco was a member of the St. Bernard Economic Development Commission, the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce, a former president of the St. Bernard Alliance for Good Government, the Krewe of Endymion, the Knights of Columbus, and the parish of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Chalmette; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco was known to always have a smile on his face and always offered to lend a helping hand; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco spent many years as a tour guide for Dixie Tours in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco even gave tours post Hurricane Katrina and played a vital role in rebuilding the tourism industry in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco leaves behind a rich legacy in the United States Army, in his family, and his community and will be fondly remembered by the many lives he touched over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Marco's warmness and generosity will be missed, and his leadership within his community will always be remembered and appreciated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the death of Christopher "Chris" San Marco, and does hereby record for posterity the enduring appreciation held by the citizens of Louisiana for his contributions to the tourism industry, the numerous visitors to New Orleans whom he encountered and touched with his warm heart and endearing smile, and his country for the years of service he provided in the United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the wife and children of Mr. San Marco.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE