

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND ROBBY CARTER

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative

3 John Dean Travis.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the

5 Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, John Dean

6 Travis, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the age of seventy-five; and

7 WHEREAS, John Dean Travis was widely respected, admired, and beloved as a

8 political leader and businessman; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was born in Clinton and was a resident of Jackson; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1984 until 2000, Mr. Travis served as a highly effective member

11 of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he used every opportunity as an able and

12 productive legislator to serve his constituency in East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana

13 Parish, Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and West Feliciana Parish

14 and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Travis steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of his fellow

16 citizens, and his legislative accomplishments were numerous; he served with great diligence

17 as chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and as a member of the House

18 Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on

19 House and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations,

20 the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital

21 Outlay, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the State Bond Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was the recipient of the Louisiana Municipal Association's
2 Legislator of the Month Award in August of 1987 and in May of 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Mr. Travis served
4 as an alderman for the town of Jackson and served two six-year terms as a member of the
5 East Feliciana Parish School Board; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Travis was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to serve
7 as chief of the State Office of Financial Institutions; he retired as the commissioner of this
8 office; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Travis was preceded in death by the love of his life, Norma Jean
10 LeBeouf Travis; his father, Hardy D. Travis; his mother, Quinnie B. Travis; and his sister,
11 Maxine Martin; and

12 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Saraphia T. Wilson and
13 her husband Josh and Sandra T. Allen and her husband Mitch; his sister, Shirley Day; his
14 brothers, George Travis and his wife Sonja, Billy Travis and his wife Louise, and Eugene
15 Travis and his wife Estelita; his grandchildren, Heath M. Allen, Heather A. Watson, and
16 Travis A. Allen; and his great-grandchildren, Madeline Elise Watson, Kody Eric Watson,
17 Maci Elizabeth Watson, Jayden Michael Allen, and Paisley Grace Allen; and

18 WHEREAS, those who knew Mr. Travis remember him as an iconic politician, and
19 they recall his engaging personality, wit, and tenacity; and

20 WHEREAS, the death of John Dean Travis has left a great void and created a
21 genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative
22 family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and
23 community so well and so passionately; and

24 WHEREAS, John Dean Travis leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly
25 missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his
26 dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative John
29 Dean Travis; does hereby recognize that his legacy of dedicated public service shall forever

1 endure; and does hereby record for posterity the abiding appreciation of the citizens of
2 Louisiana for his extraordinary contributions and achievements.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the family of John D. Travis.

DIGEST

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