

1 WHEREAS, in 1966 he was elected Louisiana state senator for the Twenty-Third
2 District serving until 1980, and was elected President Pro-Tempore of the Louisiana Senate,
3 serving from 1976-80; and

4 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, and
5 Welfare, vice chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, as a member
6 of the Governor's Committee on Reorganization of State Government, and as a member of
7 the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Mouton was instrumental in implementing the French
9 Immersion program and was the principal author of the legislation which created CODOFIL;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he was the legislative floor leader for Governor Edwin Edwards for
12 eight years, was chosen as the top Senate floor leader for six years by Governor John
13 McKeithen, and Governor Dave Treen, a republican, chose Edgar Mouton Jr. a lifelong
14 democrat, to serve as his Executive Counsel for three years; and

15 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in passing the 1974 Louisiana constitution and ran
16 for governor of Louisiana in 1979 as nonpartisan in the blanket primary; and

17 WHEREAS, he continued to serve in various capacities throughout his career
18 including Special Counsel to Governor Edwards in 1985; and

19 WHEREAS, he was named Louisiana's Best Legislator for three consecutive years
20 in the 1970s, dubbed "Best Orator", inducted into the "Order of Living Legends" in 2003,
21 into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2004 and 2008, and was honored as Lafayette
22 Parish Democratic Executive Committee's first Lifetime Achievement Award winner; and

23 WHEREAS, he was an exemplary and highly admired citizen of Louisiana who
24 worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political, and religious causes throughout
25 his life; and

26 WHEREAS, he was known as a humanitarian serving as the national vice president
27 of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, president of the Hub City Kiwanis Club, board
28 member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Lafayette Bar Association, past
29 chairman of the Bishop's Service Appeal, past chairman of the Easter Seal Society, past
30 board member on the State Board on Mental Health, a Fourth Degree Knight, and was

1 inducted as "Chevalier De L'Orde National Du Merit", and he and his wife were also
2 awarded the Key to the City of Lafayette by then City-Parish President Joey Durel; and

3 WHEREAS, he served his community, his city, and his state aggressively and
4 successfully, was directly responsible for such worthy projects as the Lafayette Regional
5 Technical Vocational Institute, University Medical Center, the Cajundome and Cajun Field,
6 and helped secure millions of dollars of other capital construction programs at the University
7 of Southwestern Louisiana, and additional funding for hundreds of miles of roads and
8 bridges within the state were secured during his tenure; and

9 WHEREAS, he always put God first, but was the loving, devoted, and dedicated
10 husband to the one and only love of his life for sixty-four years, Patsy Dauphin Mouton, was
11 a committed father, cherished grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle whose love
12 of family was of the utmost importance in his life; and

13 WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life,
14 the death of Edgar G. "Sonny" Mouton Jr. has left a void in his community and is a great loss
15 to the state of Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a superb chess player, and enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing,
17 reading, spending time with his loyal companion, his Chinese Shar Pei named Honey Bear
18 and living life to its fullest; and

19 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
20 and the overall vitality of our American society depend, in great measure, upon men like
21 Edgar G. "Sonny" Mouton Jr., who dedicate their lives, and careers to public service and to
22 sharing their knowledge, time, and energy to make a difference for future generations.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana honors the life
24 and service of Edgar G. "Sonny" Mouton Jr., acknowledges his enormous contributions to
25 the improvement of the status of his state, his parish, and his city, recognizes him as an
26 extraordinary man who will long be remembered, and pays tribute to his remarkable legacy
27 which will live on in the hearts of the many people whose lives he touched.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 express their sincere condolences to the family of Edgar G. "Sonny" Mouton Jr. upon the
30 occasion of his death.

