

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR PETERSON

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Mr. Silas H. Connor.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Mr. Silas H. Connor.

WHEREAS, Silas H. Connor was the eighth of nine children born to George Connor and Carrie Dugue Connor of Adaline, now known as Baldwin, Louisiana, born April 2, 1927; and

WHEREAS, the family migrated to New Orleans in 1927 when Silas was six-months old, lived on Milan and Camp street, moved to Magazine Street until the beginning of World War II in 1942, then relocated to Dufossat Street, which has been the family home until the present day; and

WHEREAS, the Connors were all active members of Blessed Sacrament Parish where Silas attended elementary school and was active in church activities and sports; and

WHEREAS, Silas graduated from Xavier Prep High School in 1946, and while at Xavier Prep, he was co-captain and captain of undefeated football teams while in his junior and senior year; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Silas' talent in football would be recognized when he was inducted in the local National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Silas played one year of college football at Xavier University before the

1 Korean War interrupted his college work; and

2 WHEREAS, he left to serve two years in the Army where his tour of duty provided  
3 him with the opportunity to travel to many places such as Atlanta, Georgia; San Antonio,  
4 Texas; The Electronics School at Fort Monmouth New Jersey; Seattle, Washington; Tokyo,  
5 Japan; Seoul, Korea, and the Presidio in California where he completed his tour of duty in  
6 1953; and

7 WHEREAS, three miles from the front line in Korea, Silas built a device known as  
8 a direction finder from drawings of a fellow soldier who invented the technology; it allowed  
9 American troops to see where a walkie talkie signal originated, which prevented Korean  
10 soldiers from using communication devices confiscated from killed or captured American  
11 soldiers to lure other American soldiers to capture or death; and

12 WHEREAS, after completing his service in the Army, Silas returned to Xavier  
13 University to complete his final year of study where he earned a Bachelor of Science in  
14 Industrial Arts Education in 1955; and

15 WHEREAS, Silas began his teaching career at St. Augustine High School where he  
16 taught industrial arts and social studies, and in 1958, he began teaching at George  
17 Washington Carver Junior High School because he said, "the children in the public schools  
18 needed him more"; and

19 WHEREAS, during his thirty years at George Washington Carver as an industrial arts  
20 teacher, he was called to serve in many capacities, including ranking teacher, acting assistant  
21 principal, and AV coordinator; and

22 WHEREAS, Silas began and taught the only course in a junior high school in basic  
23 electricity in Orleans Parish, and after retiring in 1987, he was once again called upon to  
24 serve the students in the public school system because he was the only teacher in Orleans  
25 Parish certified to teach drafting, and a group of seniors at John McDonough Senior High  
26 School needed credits in drafting in order to graduate, so he spent three additional years  
27 post-retirement ensuring that the children of Orleans Parish were able to receive the credits  
28 needed; and

29 WHEREAS, his interest and knowledge base was large and quite varied; he was a  
30 lover of the arts, literature, music of all genres, and greatly enjoyed the symphony, gospel

1 concerts, blues festivals, and theater trips to New York and London; and

2 WHEREAS, Silas was an active member of Blessed Sacrament Booster Club,  
3 volunteered his services with the Louisiana Association of Teachers Credit Union for over  
4 twenty-five years, serving as chairman of the credit committee, security officer, president,  
5 and vice-president, and also counseled many individuals to help them get firm financial  
6 footing; and

7 WHEREAS, on June 13, 2016, Silas crossed over to join family and relatives who  
8 preceded him, leaving five children to cherish from his union with Mary L. Connor: Keith  
9 Connor (Leslie), Karen Ann Connor (Wayne Sr.), Kevin Connor, Karla Connor Bender,  
10 PhD. (Herbert Sr.), and Karl J. Connor, JD, LL.M, Law (Monika); and

11 WHEREAS, he also leaves cherished and devoted wife Shirley Lundy-Connor who  
12 brought two children to their union, Mark J. Sidney (deceased) and Karen Alana Reine  
13 (Kevin); sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
15 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Mr. Silas H.  
16 Connor and commends him on a life well lived, full of service and love.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
18 Shirley Lundy-Connor, the wife of Silas H. Connor.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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