

2017 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY, PIERRE, AND DUSTIN MILLER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former state legislator Armand Brinkhaus

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state legislator  
3 Armand Brinkhaus.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of former state legislator  
6 Armand Brinkhaus on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at the age of eighty-one; and

7 WHEREAS, Armand Joseph Brinkhaus was born on November 7, 1935, in Sunset,  
8 Louisiana, graduated from Sunset High School, earned a baccalaureate degree from the  
9 University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL), and received a juris doctorate degree from  
10 Loyola University in New Orleans; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus served as the first law clerk at the Third Circuit Court  
12 of Appeal in Lake Charles, practiced law with Judge Kaliste Saloom in Lafayette, and  
13 ultimately became a partner in the law firm of Olivier and Brinkhaus in Sunset, where he  
14 practiced law until his death; and

15 WHEREAS, first elected to serve in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1968  
16 and then elected to serve in the Louisiana Senate from 1976 until 1996, Armand J. Brinkhaus  
17 was a distinguished legislator who faithfully served the public as a legislator for twenty-eight  
18 years with great dedication to the interests and needs of the people of Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, Mr. Brinkhaus was a very effective leader  
20 and a true statesman, serving with distinction as chairman of both the Senate and  
21 Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Education Committee and as a member of

1 other legislative committees including the House Appropriations Committee, the House  
2 Judiciary D Committee, the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Senate  
3 Finance Committee, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the Senate Judiciary C  
4 Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, and the Legislative Budgetary Control  
5 Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus was an active and productive member of his community,  
7 serving as a member of the board of directors of St. Landry Homestead Federal Savings  
8 Bank and a member and chairman of the board of the South St. Landry Community Library;  
9 he was also a member of the Fourth-Degree Knights of Columbus and the Elks Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus lent his time and vast legal knowledge to numerous  
11 professional organizations, including the St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and American Bar  
12 Associations, the Louisiana Association of Justice, the American Judicature Society, the  
13 Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and the American Trial Lawyers Association;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus was the deserving recipient of many awards, including  
16 distinguished service awards from the St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau and the Handicapped  
17 and Exceptional Children of Louisiana, the Louisiana Pharmacy Association, Louisiana  
18 Restaurant Association, the Louisiana and National Association of Educators, and the  
19 Louisiana Federation of Teachers; he was particularly proud to receive the *L'Association*  
20 *Internationale des Parliementaries de Langue Francaise L'Ordre de la Pleiade* for his  
21 dedication to the development of the French language and the preservation of the  
22 francophone culture in Louisiana; he also received the USL Alumni Association Outstanding  
23 Legislative Support Award, the Sunset Area Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award, and  
24 a certificate of appreciation for dedication and contribution to the history of the Third Circuit  
25 Court of Appeal; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus created the Dr. Armand L. and Julia Thoms Brinkhaus  
27 Fund to benefit Dupre Library at USL (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette), which  
28 was the first contribution dedicated solely and specifically to Dupre Library; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Margaret  
30 Bellemin Brinkhaus; his children and their spouses, Michelle and Steve Prudhomme,

1 Armand Brinkhaus, Jr., Celeste and Troy Hebert, Julia and Tracy Landry, Andre and Denise  
2 Brinkhaus, Renee Brinkhaus, and Marguerite Brinkhaus; grandchildren, Micah, Samantha,  
3 Rachel, Lee, Jacob, TJ, Julian, Ali, Gabriel, Mikey, Brandon, Brittany, and Bradley; nine  
4 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; his sister, Anna Jane Gaiennie Miller; his  
5 sisters-in-law, Diane P. Brinkhaus and Cynthia Bellemin; and his brothers-in-law, John L.  
6 Olivier, Michael Bellemin, and Leroy Bellemin, and his spouse Blue; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Armand L. and  
8 Julia Thoms Brinkhaus; his brothers, William A. Brinkhaus and Allan L. Brinkhaus; his  
9 sister, Julie B. Olivier; his sister-in-law, Loretta T. Brinkhaus; his brothers-in-law, Richard  
10 M. Gaiennie and Roderick Miller; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mike and Louise  
11 P. Bellemin; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus was the kind of citizen who represents what is good  
13 about Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his talents, integrity, and passion to change  
14 Louisiana for the better; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinkhaus leaves a rich and unique legacy, and his death has  
16 created a great void and a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew and loved him.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the  
19 death of former state legislator Armand Brinkhaus; does hereby recognize that he will  
20 forever be remembered, respected, and admired by the many citizens whose lives he  
21 touched, including members of the legislative family who mourn the loss of this wonderful  
22 man who served his state and the legislative institution so well; and does hereby recognize  
23 for posterity the enduring appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding  
24 contributions and achievements, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member  
25 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
27 to Margaret Brinkhaus.

DIGEST

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