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2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR PERRY AND REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND MIGUEZ

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Judge Marcus Anson Broussard  ${\rm Jr.}$ 

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Judge
3	Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. of Abbeville, Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, Judicial District Fifteen Judge Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. died
5	peacefully on March 5, 2017, at his home and surrounded by his family; and
6	WHEREAS, beginning his education in Catholic and public schools, Judge
7	Broussard graduated from high school at St. Stanislas College in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi,
8	in 1946; and
9	WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard joined the Louisiana National Guard in 1946 as a
10	private in the United States Army, and during his service he was promoted to the rank of
11	Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1952, First Lieutenant in 1956, and he was honorably
12	discharged from the army on January 14, 1958; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard married Barbara Schlesinger of Abbeville in 1951, and
14	the couple enjoyed a wonderful marriage raising six children and in later years shared their
15	love and joy with a family enriched by grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and
16	WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard Jr. earned a bachelor of art's degree from the
17	University of Southwestern Louisiana, now know as the University of Louisiana at
18	Lafayette, and in 1955 he graduated from law school at Loyola University of the South in

New Orleans	; and
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2	WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana on June
3	10, 1955, having received the 1953 Dean's award, given annually to recognize the first year
4	student with the highest grade point average; he was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, a
5	national Honor Society for law students; Blue Key; and on the Loyola Law Review; and
6	WHEREAS, Marcus Broussard returned to his native Abbeville in 1955 and together
7	with his father, Marcus A. Broussard Sr., they established the firm of Broussard and
8	Broussard; with a later addition of Paul G. Moresi Jr., the firm was again renamed
9	Broussard, Broussard and Moresi; and
10	WHEREAS, in August 1958, Marcus Broussard Jr. was appointed by the governor
11	to serve as Abbeville's first city judge, a position created by the legislature in the 1958
12	session; and
13	WHEREAS, Judge Broussard was elected to the position of city judge of Abbeville
14	in 1960 and was continually reelected without opposition until his retirement from the bench
15	in 1984; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Broussard Jr. and his father were joined in the law firm by
17	a third generation, Edward B. Broussard, who eventually followed in his father's footsteps
18	and was elected Abbeville city court judge; and
19	WHEREAS, following the retirement from the bench of Judge Marcus Broussard,
20	the Louisiana Supreme Court appointed him to sit as judge pro tempore in the Fifteenth
21	District Court, encompassing the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion parishes, and
22	he served in that position from 1982 until 1990 and from 1997 through 1998; and
23	WHEREAS, Judge Marcus Broussard was selected Abbeville's "Outstanding Citizen"
24	in 1963 recognizing his contributions to his native town; and
25	WHEREAS, in 1965 and 1966, Judge Broussard served as president of the Abbeville
26	Human Relations Council and was a member of that council for twenty years; and
27	WHEREAS, Judge Broussard served his community in numerous ways over the
28	years, he was a charter member of the town's Kiwanis Club, served as its president for two
29	years and was selected as the club's Outstanding Member for 1963 and 1964 and in the years
30	1967 through 1970, he served as chairman of the Kiwanis Fishing Rodeo, an important

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WHEREAS, Judge Broussard's civic contributions also included serving as a member of the board of directors of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce for many years and served as president of the chamber from 1965 through 1967, he was a member and past president of the Abbeville Country Club and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, as a Fourth Degree Knight; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Anson Broussard Jr., an attorney, a judge, a family man, and a leading citizen of Abbeville leaves a legacy of commitment to his family, his faith, the law, and his beloved native town which mark a long life, well lived.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

express the sincere condolences upon the death of Judge Marcus Anson Broussard Jr. of Abbeville, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Barbara Schlesinger Broussard.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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