

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of former journalist and Louisiana Workforce Commission director, Curt Eysink

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Curt Eysink,
3 former journalist and Louisiana Workforce Commission director.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5 of the death of Curt Eysink on April 28, 2017, at the age of fifty-three; and

6 WHEREAS, born in South Africa to globe-trotting parents, Curt lived in Scotland,
7 Australia, Venezuela, and Holland before his father accepted a job in New Orleans when
8 Curt was fifteen; in 1986, Curt Eysink earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from
9 Louisiana State University and joined *The Advocate* as a reporter; he was promoted to city
10 editor in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, colleagues at *The Advocate* recall Curt Eysink as a leader who never let
12 go of a story when it became difficult; he is credited with spearheading the coverage of the
13 shocking number of unsolved murders of women in Baton Rouge over a decade; and

14 WHEREAS, Curt Eysink met and married the love of his life, Dianne Nodier, and
15 became part of the Nodiers, Christs, and Ieyoubs, which make up one of the largest families
16 in Louisiana; he and Dianne taught their children to reflect their beliefs: live each day with
17 a purpose, be kind and respectful, laugh so that others know it's okay, and cook a big pot of
18 gumbo when it's cold outside and invite the neighbors; and

19 WHEREAS, the life and times of Curt Eysink were filled with happiness; wherever
20 he went, he made friends and spun stories; he loved to regale others with the tale of his
21 original Mini, which he claimed was so tiny that when it went into a ditch, he and a friend

1 picked it up and put it back on the roadway; he also was known to recount the adoption from
2 the Baton Rouge shelter of his dog, Leah; she was tiny, matted, and skittish around strangers,
3 and Curt knew no one else would adopt her because she smelled so bad; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Eysink served as a marketing executive with *Louisiana Healthcare*
5 *Review* following his stint at *The Advocate*; he was recruited in 2008 as communications
6 director at the Louisiana Workforce Commission and was appointed director of the
7 commission in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, Curt was known as an honest man who knew how to get things done;
9 under Mr. Eysink's leadership, the Louisiana Workforce Commission gave tens of thousands
10 of his Louisiana neighbors a chance at good jobs; he served as director of the agency until
11 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, Curt Eysink helped develop workforce policy for the Louisiana
13 Community and Technical College System until his death; and

14 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dianne; his children, Samantha,
15 Maxwell, and Adelaide; his parents, Ute and Billy Eysink; his brothers, Paul and Konrad;
16 and extended relatives and friends; and

17 WHEREAS, Curt Eysink lived so that others could have better lives, and
18 Mr. Eysink's enduring legacy is his contribution of his all to family, friends, and his beloved
19 adopted state of Louisiana.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the
22 family and friends of Curt Eysink and does hereby offer hopes for peace and comfort.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to Dianne Eysink.

DIGEST

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