

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht, age seventy-nine, on June 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Precht, a lifelong resident of Cameron Parish, was born September 25, 1937, in Big Lake, raised in Sweet Lake, Louisiana, and a 1955 graduate of Grand Lake High School; and

WHEREAS, during her younger years, she was an avid bowler and was a member of a number of leagues throughout the years; she also enjoyed playing softball, granny basketball, and more recently took up racquet ball with her husband and was also known to drive a combine for the family farm; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht was a self-taught artist and had a stand-in roll in "Little Chenier"; and

WHEREAS, Ethel was also a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, the Order of the Eastern Star, past member of the Handel's Messiah Choir, and was active with the Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, she was a breast cancer survivor and began the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, which just hosted its 12th annual Walk for Hope; she also started HOPE (Helping Others through Personal Experiences), where she visited with and helped guide abused women; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht was a very respected woman in Southwest Louisiana and was awarded Citizen of the Year for Lake Charles, the Citizen of the Year Award for Louisiana, and had the honor of carrying the Olympic Torch in 1996; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed traveling and spending time on the water and went on over forty cruises; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Precht started life as a shy young lady, but having breast cancer and surviving, changed her life forever and the impact she made on the community throughout the years will be felt for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mary Granger LeBleu, and sister, Betty LeBleu LaBove; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Precht leaves a life legacy of her husband of sixty-one years, Charles Precht Jr.; sons, Charles (Donna) Precht and Kelly (Corrie) Precht; eight grandchildren, Kari Precht, Kourtney (Bobby) LaFargue, Ashton Precht, David (Megan) Daigle, Brian (Tori) Daigle, Natalie (Corey) Leger, Adam (Alicia) Precht, and Molly Precht; and great-grandchildren, Keighan Precht, Brady LaFargue, Hunter Daigle, Easton Daigle, Grayson Daigle, Luke Daigle, August Leger, Maren Leger, Blakely Precht, and Darby Precht; and

WHEREAS, because of her numerous accomplishments, Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht's passing has left a void in her community and in her state and has created a genuine sense of profound sorrow in her friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the success of our state, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon women like Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her exceptional accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful woman will forever bring to her family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the husband of Ethel Mae LeBleu Precht, Charles Precht Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE