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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

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CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Clyde "Rock" Gisclair, former assessor for St. Charles Parish.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of an
3	exceptional public servant and friend, Clyde "Rock" Gisclair, former assessor for the
4	parish of St. Charles.
5	WHEREAS, Rock Gisclair led an extraordinary and blessed life as a Christian,
6	educator, public servant, businessman, husband, and father; and
7	WHEREAS, always sporting his signature cowboy hat, Rock was amicable and well-
8	liked by all who knew him; he was a pillar of the community and a knowledgeable scholar
9	of the history of St. Charles Parish; and
10	WHEREAS, as assessor, he was impartial in the determination of the fair market
11	value of fifty thousand parcels of commercial and residential property in his jurisdiction; the
12	ad valorem taxation revenue collected was essential to fund local school and library systems,
13	law enforcement, parish government, fire protection, and other vital services; and
14	WHEREAS, during his tenure, Rock Gisclair was an outspoken advocate of fairness
15	to all, especially homeowners and small businesses; and
16	WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of south Louisiana, he graduated from Hahnville
17	High School in 1953, and as a superior athlete, he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and
18	played professional baseball for four years; and

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1	WHEREAS, proud of his military service, Rock served with distinction during the
2	Korean Conflict as a member of the United States Army Military Police Force stationed in
3	the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea; and
4	WHEREAS, after an honorable discharge Rock returned home to work with his
5	father, Claudet Gisclair, in his father's barbershop; and
6	WHEREAS, using the opportunities afforded him by the GI Bill, Rock continued his
7	education by matriculating to Nicholls State University to earn both a bachelor of art's
8	degree and a master's degree in education; he served as principal at Riverside Academy in
9	Reserve and as an English and history teacher at his alma mater, Hahnville High School; and
10	WHEREAS, in the 1970s Rock Gisclair launched a grassroots campaign to run for
11	the elected office of assessor; he canvassed neighborhoods, walked door-to-door, shook
12	hands, spoke to constituents, and gained their trust; and
13	WHEREAS, Clyde Anthony "Rock" Gisclair took the oath of office on July 2, 1972,
14	and served as a highly effective public official for four decades; and with a heartfelt decision
15	not to seek re-election, he relinquished the office to the next assessor, Tab Troxler, in
16	December 2012; and
17	WHEREAS, during his tenure, the parish assessor's office evolved from "pencil and
18	paper" recordkeeping to fully automated digital information technology; and
19	WHEREAS, Rock Gisclair held membership in many prestigious professional
20	organizations that included the Louisiana Assessors Association, the National Association
21	of Master Appraisers, the International Association of Assessing Officers, the Association
22	of Governmental Accountants, the College of Real Estate Appraisers, the International Real
23	Estate Institute, and the Environmental Assessment Association; and
24	WHEREAS, after he stepped down as assessor, Rock established a successful real
25	estate business, Gisclair Properties; and
26	WHEREAS, Rock had several leisure pastimes that included hunting and fishing; he
27	was an avid collector of wooden duck decoys, with many of them carved by local craftsmen;
28	and
29	WHEREAS, Rock was a longtime resident of Luling, Louisiana; he was married to
30	Sylvia Keller Gisclair for sixty-one years until his passing on April 14, 2018; they were

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1	blessed with a daughter, Tara G. Dufrene, and two sons, John Joseph Gisclair and Daniel
2	David Gisclair, six grandchildren, extended family, and many dear friends; and
3	WHEREAS, his commitment of forty years of public service exemplified all the fine
4	qualities of this proficient parochial administrator; Rock Gisclair gave his all to the public
5	he served with a lifetime of good works and unselfish acts to his credit.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7	express sincere condolences upon the death of Clyde "Rock" Gisclair, former assessor for
8	St. Charles Parish.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
0	acknowledge an extraordinary life well spent in the service of his country, his community,
1	and his God.
2	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3	family of Clyde "Rock" Gisclair.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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