

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of
Betty Jane Bates.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
learned of the death of Betty Jane Bates on January 18, 2019, at the age of seventy-seven;
and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bates was born on July 20, 1941, in Oberlin, Louisiana, to Judie
and Mary Lou Guillory; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from St. Charles Academy and raised her family in
Westlake, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a parishioner of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Mrs. Bates taught
catechism for more than fifty years, was an Extraordinary Minister, a lector at Mass, a
Catholic Daughter, and a member of the Lady's Altar Society, and Order of the Eastern Star;
and

WHEREAS, at the time of her passing, she was a member of the Westlake City
Council and a former employee of the McNeese State University Registrar's Office; and

WHEREAS, Betty Jane Bates is survived by her loving husband of thirty-five years,
Gerald Bates; four sons, Mark Bates, John Bates, Kevin Bates, and Brent Window; four
stepchildren, James, Phyllis, Barbar, and Jerri Bates; three brothers, Gerald, Rodney, and Jud
Guillory; a sister, Belinda Graham; thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Judie and Mary Lou Guillory;
and

WHEREAS, the death of Betty Jane Bates has left a substantial void in her
community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives she touched, and her memory shall
live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable lady.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Betty Jane Bates and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she will forever bring to her community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Betty Jane Bates.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES