

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, LEGER, THOMAS, GREGORY MILLER, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HENRY, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LACOMBE, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, MOSS, MUSCARELLO, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, TURNER, WHITE, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express condolences upon the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Charlie will be sorely missed; he was a man with a keen intellect, undeniable wit, charm, and great sense of humor which brightened the lives of all around him; and

WHEREAS, Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., was born in New Orleans on September 22, 1943, to Charles D., Sr., and Helen Stafford Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, Charlie attended Holy Name of Jesus and graduated from Jesuit High School, where he played on the Jesuit High School 1960 state championship football team, held the state track record for high hurdles for many years beyond his 1961 graduation, and

was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year for his combined academic and athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Charlie earned his bachelor of arts from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and his juris doctorate from Loyola University, where he was a member of the Law Review; and

WHEREAS; Charlie served for twenty-two years in the Louisiana Army National Guard, retiring as a major; he practiced law for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, Charlie served in the House of Representatives for thirty-two years; he was the first Republican elected to office in Jefferson Parish and the longest-serving Republican elected official in Louisiana history; and

WHEREAS, he is credited with making significant contributions to build the Republican Party in Jefferson Parish and across Louisiana; when he was first elected to the House in 1971, he was the sole Republican House member; now there are sixty-one; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lancaster chaired the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs for twelve years, expertly navigating complex and politically-charged matters regarding elections, campaign finance, open meetings, public records, and redistricting under two governors, one a Republican and one a Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lancaster exemplified the highest ideals of the civil, bipartisan legislator by valuing relationships and respect over partisanship; known as a man of his word, he was inducted into the 2018 Class of the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughter, Edith Helen "Dee Dee" Lancaster; son Charles D. Lancaster, III; brother, William Bradford Lancaster, and his wife Suzy; sisters, Helen Lancaster Bailey, and her husband Neil, and Marjorie Lancaster Crowell, and her husband Mark; niece, Blair Redfield Lancaster; brothers-in-law, George William Shannon, Jr., and his wife Janet, Robert MacKinnon Shannon, Jon O'Hara Shannon, and his wife Roman, and James Cahill Shannon, and his wife Jill; his "grand little dude", Duncan Stewart Wallace; and a host of cousins; and

WHEREAS, the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr., has evoked a tremendous sense of loss within the legislative community in Louisiana; all those who knew and loved him take great comfort in recalling his many years of public service and personal interactions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr.; does hereby express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this accomplished man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Charles D. "Charlie" Lancaster, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE