

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATORS LUNEAU, MORRELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVE
SMITH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of James Donald "Don" Lincoln and posthumously commends him on his contributions to Louisiana cinema, culture, and the arts.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James Donald "Don" Lincoln and posthumously commend him on his contributions to Louisiana cinema, culture, and the arts.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of James Donald "Don" Lincoln on May 7, 2019, at the age of sixty-five; and

WHEREAS, James Donald "Don" Lincoln merits posthumous commendation for his significant and voluminous contributions to Louisiana cinema, culture, and the arts as an actor who worked on more than three dozen major motion pictures, mini-series, television shows, and music videos, including *Seabiscuit*, *Glory Road*, *Welcome to the Rileys*, *Failure to Launch*, and *Elvis*; and

WHEREAS, he portrayed the main character in the music video "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic, which has been viewed across the world more than 2.7 billion times; and

WHEREAS, Don Lincoln was born on October 10, 1953, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to James Alvin Lincoln and Nancy Jane George, was reared in California, and was educated at Pepperdine University in Malibu, during which time he played second base on the baseball team and became a lifelong fan of the Los Angeles Angels; and

1 WHEREAS, Susan Roed "Sue" Lincoln was the love of his life and they were
2 married on May 26, 1978, and raised their three remarkable children, Kirsten Samantha,
3 Nicholas James, and Alyssa Ruth; and

4 WHEREAS, Don and Sue's lives were further enriched by three grandchildren and
5 their shared love of literature, nature, music, and adventure; and

6 WHEREAS, Don excelled in his career, despite battling a lifelong stutter, by
7 cultivating and practicing compassion, empathy, and genuine concern for all those he
8 encountered; and

9 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep and infectious passion for serving those most
10 in need, and

11 WHEREAS, Don cared for men and women suffering from HIV as a board member
12 of the Southwest Louisiana AIDS Association, and also educated children alongside law
13 enforcement officers as a member of the Louisiana Renegades; and

14 WHEREAS, he cherished the land and the people of Louisiana with charm, humor,
15 and joy; was a gentleman who was admired by all whose lives he touched; Don leaves
16 behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed; and

17 WHEREAS, with the death of James Donald "Don" Lincoln, Louisiana has lost one
18 of its finest sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and whose
19 accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his community, state, and nation.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of James Donald "Don" Lincoln,
22 posthumously commend him for his outstanding contributions to Louisiana cinema, culture,
23 and the arts, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor he will
24 forever bring to the Baton Rouge community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States
25 of America.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 family of James Donald "Don" Lincoln.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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