

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATORS LUNEAU, MORRELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES