

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Michael "Mike" Anthony Barras

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Michael
3 "Mike" Anthony Barras.

4 WHEREAS, Mike Barras was born on August 25, 1939, to Milton "Red" Barras and
5 Pauline Barras; he was raised in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and moved to New Iberia as an
6 adult; Mike was a graduate of St. Martinville High School, and after serving in the United
7 States Navy for three years, he attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the
8 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to study broadcast journalism; and

9 WHEREAS, Mike was a career broadcaster; he served for more than fifty years at
10 KLFY TV-10, beginning as a cameraman and eventually moving up to the position of
11 general manager; he was a two-time recipient of the Broadcaster of the Year Award, which
12 was given by his peers at the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters; and

13 WHEREAS, Mike's memory will live on in the lives of his loving wife of fifty-six
14 years, Laurence Ackal Barras; his son Michael, and his wife Annie; his three grandchildren,
15 Wyatt, Ian, and Aiden; his brother Chris; his sisters, Renee, and her husband Randy, and
16 Linda, and her husband Expadie; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, Mike was a founding member of Iberia Crime Stoppers and served as
18 its president for the past five years; he also had a special devotion to those suffering with
19 muscular dystrophy; he served as the national vice president for the Muscular Dystrophy
20 Association, was a member of the national board of directors for the Muscular Dystrophy

1 Association, and for more than thirty years, hosted the local broadcast of the annual
2 Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day telethon; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike was immensely dedicated to his profession and to the Acadiana
4 community; he was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather; he loved playing
5 tennis and duck hunting with his son, and he cherished the time he spent with his
6 grandchildren; he will be deeply missed.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Michael
9 "Mike" Anthony Barras; does hereby recognize his incredible commitment to the Muscular
10 Dystrophy Association and to the Acadiana community; and does hereby extend sincere
11 hopes and wishes that his family find comfort during their time of loss.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
13 Laurence Ackal Barras.

DIGEST

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