

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mike was a founding member of Iberia Crime Stoppers and served as its president for the past five years; he also had a special devotion to those suffering with muscular dystrophy; he served as the national vice president for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, was a member of the national board of directors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and for more than thirty years, hosted the local broadcast of the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day telethon; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES