

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Esther Elizabeth Streng Staats, resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Esther Elizabeth Streng Staats was born in Seguin, Texas, on June 24, 1938, to parents, Adolph and Elizabeth Streng; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Staats passed away peacefully at her home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Esther Streng loved music and singing and she was a member of the choir at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, a private Evangelical Lutheran school now known as Texas Lutheran University, where she attended college and became so dedicated to the choir that she changed her major so that she could travel with the choir; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 Esther Streng married William Staats and after their marriage she taught third grade until they started a family; and

WHEREAS, Esther Staats continued involvement in her passion by continuing to sing in church, where she was always a member of the choir, often helped choose hymns, and always supported the music program; and

WHEREAS, church was an important part of Esther's life and she took on many roles over the years, serving however needed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Staats was very interested in politics and she participated in various campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Esther Staats' biggest love was her family and friends and the life she spent in Baton Rouge with her best friend and husband Willie; and

WHEREAS, ever the consummate hostess and caretaker, Esther sought to make everyone comfortable, lent support when needed, remembered birthdays, and saved every card she ever received; and

WHEREAS, Esther Staats developed strong and true lifelong friendships that she cherished; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Staats took many pictures in the course of those friendships and loved looking through them and remembering travels and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Esther Staats was preceded in death by her husband Willie and brothers Adolph and Frederick Streng; she is survived by her son Stephen, daughter Kristine Brzozowski and husband Allen, and four grandchildren that were the delight of her life; and

WHEREAS, Esther Staats' beautiful singing, her hospitality to all, and her dedication to family, church, and friends will outlive her and become cherished memories for all those who will miss her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Esther Elizabeth Streng Staats, resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her son, Stephen Staats and daughter, Kristine Brzozowski.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE