

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Louis B. Roth Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Louis B. Roth Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana
5 learned of the death of Louis B. Roth Jr. on October 13, 2020, at the age of eighty-nine; and

6 WHEREAS, Louis B. Roth Jr. was born on August 26, 1931, in Baton Rouge,
7 Louisiana, and was a lifelong resident of Acadiana; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Redemptorist High School in Baton Rouge, attended
9 Southwestern Louisiana Institute on a football scholarship, and earned a bachelor's degree
10 in education; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Roth later graduated from Louisiana State University where he
12 obtained both a master's degree and a doctorate degree in education; and

13 WHEREAS, a proud veteran, he served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air
14 Force for three years and in the Air Force Reserve for twenty years, achieving the rank of
15 lieutenant colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Roth worked for the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
17 of Baton Rouge for ten years and then became the Director of Continuing Education for the
18 University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) until his retirement; and

1 WHEREAS, he was active in his community and was honored to serve as a member
2 of the police jury of Lafayette for four years, and was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady
3 of Wisdom Catholic Church in Lafayette; and

4 WHEREAS, he was recognized in the ULL Football Hall of Fame, was a member
5 of the ULL Alumni Association, and a proud supporter of the ULL Ragin' Cajuns and the
6 Boston Red Sox; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1954, Mr. Roth married the love of his life and best friend, Margaret,
8 whom he deemed "the prettiest girl in Baton Rouge", and they cherished the memories made
9 while traveling through all fifty states in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, his greatest joy was his family and he leaves behind a legacy of loved
11 family members; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Roth is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-five years, Margaret
13 Donellan Roth; four sons, Louis G. Roth, Russell "Rusty" Roth, Stephen "Matt" Roth, and
14 Charles "Chuck" Roth; three daughters, Melanie Roth Fachan, Laurie Roth Pennington, and
15 Jennifer "Winkie" Roth; three sisters, Rosemary Lawless, Rita McKee, and Bernice "Bunny"
16 Roth; one brother, James Roth; sixteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Boissac Roth and Agnes
18 Greely Roth; one daughter, Cynthia Elizabeth Roth; and two sisters, Eunice Persick and
19 Sally Delatte; and

20 WHEREAS, with the death of Louis B. Roth Jr., Louisiana has lost one of its finest
21 sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and whose
22 accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his community, state, and nation; and

23 WHEREAS, the death of Louis B. Roth Jr. has left a substantial void in the Lafayette
24 community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall
25 live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable
26 gentleman.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Louis B. Roth Jr.,
29 record for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extend enduring appreciation for the
30 tremendous pride and honor he will forever bring to the Lafayette community, the state of

1 Louisiana, and the United States of America.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3 family of Louis B. Roth Jr.

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

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