

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Neel Emerson Garland.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Neel Emerson Garland.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a great gentleman and family
6 patriarch, Neel Emerson Garland, on January 18, 2021, at the age of ninety-one years; and

7 WHEREAS, Neel was born in Houston, Texas, on October 27, 1929, to Christine
8 Koppel Garland and David Harper Garland; and

9 WHEREAS, in his early years, Neel was an active Boy Scout, who attained the
10 distinguished rank of Eagle Scout while attending Lamar High School in Houston, and spent
11 summers at the Colorado Chautauqua with his family and mountain climbing with friends,
12 including two memorable climbs to the top of Longs Peak, the tallest mountain in Rocky
13 Mountain National Park; and

14 WHEREAS, following his graduation from Lamar High School, Neel entered Rice
15 Institute, now Rice University, in 1947, where he earned two chemical engineering degrees,
16 and was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering society, Phi Lambda Upsilon
17 Honorary Chemistry Society, Alpha Phi Omega for former Boy Scouts, and the American
18 Institute of Chemical Engineers; and

1 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Rice, Neel was employed by Ethyl
2 Corporation, working four years in Houston before transferring to Baton Rouge, where he
3 met his future wife and the love of his life, Frances Lees Barth, whom he married in 1959;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Neel retired from Ethyl in 1986 after thirty-four years of supervisory
6 positions in process engineering and environmental engineering; and

7 WHEREAS, after retirement, Neel and Frances spent thirty-two summers at
8 Chautauqua, during which they became close friends with the many cottagers who returned
9 each year for mountain climbing and hiking, with whom Neel frequently enjoyed hiking
10 through the area's scenic beauty, and who dubbed Neel "Mountain Man"; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rocky Mountain Climbers Club, climbing
12 several "fourteeners" with his son Doug, as well as a third climb up Longs Peak and hiking
13 most of the trails in Rocky Mountain National Park, Boulder Mountain Parks, and the Indian
14 Peaks Wilderness; and

15 WHEREAS, he served several terms as president of The Cottagers of Chautauqua
16 and wrote a history of family owned cottages and their residents, which research was later
17 utilized in the successful application to make the Colorado Chautauqua a National Historic
18 Landmark in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, Neel was an avid bridge player, and a longtime member of the Baton
20 Rouge Bridge Club, earning three hundred masterpoints; and

21 WHEREAS, he was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church, an associate
22 vestry member in the early 1960s, and worked the Gumbo Lunch for many years; and

23 WHEREAS, Neel and Frances traveled extensively and visited all fifty states and
24 many countries during their life together, his favorite vacation spots being Yellowstone
25 National Park, Santorini, Machu Picchu, and the Australian outback; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a huge sports fan, especially of LSU, Rice, and the New Orleans
27 Saints; and

28 WHEREAS, he was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who
29 is survived by his loving wife of sixty-two years, Frances Barth Garland; his son Douglas
30 Barth Garland (Karen); his sister Judy Garland Lamkin; his nieces Leslie Lamkin Brunjes

