

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy.

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, Dr. Joseph Aaron Roy, on January 13, 2021, at the age of eighty-three; and

7 WHEREAS, Aaron Roy was born on April 16, 1937, in Opelousas, Louisiana, to
8 Abner Roy Jr. and Edith Wyble Roy; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in
10 Opelousas and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy received his medical degree from the LSU School of Medicine
12 in New Orleans, worked as a general practitioner from 1965 to 1972, and served as the
13 coroner in Buras, Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, after completing an Ear, Nose, and Throat residency at the University
15 of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, he practiced medicine in Baton
16 Rouge for twenty-three years before retiring in 2000, and was a Fellow of the American
17 College of Surgeons; and

18 WHEREAS, Aaron met Linda Colligan, his future wife and the love of his life, in

1 1959 on a blind date; and

2 WHEREAS, Aaron and Linda were married and shared their life together for sixty
3 years, spending significant time in Cashiers, North Carolina, since the 1990s, where they
4 were active members of the vibrant mountain community; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2018 Aaron and Linda moved to St. James Place in Baton Rouge to
6 take advantage of a relaxed lifestyle and community-based living; and

7 WHEREAS, even after retirement, Dr. Roy remained involved in medicine and the
8 medical community, attending weekly cancer conferences with other dedicated colleagues;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he was a brilliant physician with a warm and wonderful bedside manner
11 who always made his patients feel like family and who remained kind and easygoing even
12 when a case was difficult; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy was active in the community and worked tirelessly for the
14 benefit of others; and

15 WHEREAS, he was an avid traveler, reader, gardener, and cook among his many
16 interests and activities; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy was beloved by family, friends, and colleagues, and had a kind
18 heart, a gentle demeanor, and a quiet authority that earned respect without commanding it;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he was a gentle and loving person, who was devoted to his family and
21 who showed them the world and loved them selflessly; and

22 WHEREAS, Aaron Roy was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, and
23 friend who is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Linda Colligan Roy; sister, Verna
24 Roy Ohlmeyer; brother, Charles Roy (Delores); devoted children, Stephanie Roy, Bret Roy
25 (Wendy), Allison Sanchez (Blanchard Jr.), and Doug Roy; and grandchildren, Kelsey
26 Sanchez Gleaton (Sam), Blanchard Sanchez III, Steven Sanchez, Camille Roy, Anna Roy,
27 and Jude Roy; and

28 WHEREAS, the memory of Aaron Roy will always remain in the hearts of his family
29 and friends, who will forever reap the benefits of his lifetime of achievement; and

30 WHEREAS, those who knew and loved him will continue to swell with pride when

