

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Ruben John Dausat

1                                   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2    To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Ruben John  
3       Dausat.

4           WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of  
5    Louisiana has learned of the passing of Ruben John Dausat; and

6           WHEREAS, Ruben John Dausat was born in Marksville, Louisiana, on August 25,  
7    1949, and was the youngest of six children born to Orney and Villia Dausat; he and his  
8    siblings grew up in Moncla, Louisiana, and he attended Marksville High School; and

9           WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in 1967, Ruben enrolled at Louisiana  
10   State University; as an undergraduate student, he studied agricultural mechanics and  
11   obtained a bachelor's degree in 1971; he also pursued graduate studies at LSU and earned  
12   a master's degree in agricultural economics in 1974; and

13           WHEREAS, while studying at LSU in 1972, Ruben married Laura Louise Laborde;  
14   the couple raised their three children, Tommy, Jennifer, and Julie; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Dausat owned and operated Wayside Farms, a row crop and cattle  
16   farm in Simmesport, Louisiana, for forty-five years; as a farmer, he was dedicated to  
17   conservation efforts and on-farm stewardship, and his passion for conservation led him to  
18   serve on the board of the National Association of Conservation Districts and as president and  
19   secretary/treasurer of the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Dausat worked to promote best management practices throughout  
21   his career by working closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, LSU

1 AgCenter, Louisiana 4-H, and Future Farmers of America; he was recognized for his efforts  
2 first by being named "Outstanding Louisiana Master Farmer of the Year" in 2014, and later  
3 by his induction into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, as a parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marksville, Ruben  
5 was a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus 2333 and the Knights of  
6 Columbus Chapter 1217; he also worked with the Louisiana Cattleman's Association, the  
7 Louisiana Farm Bureau, Louisiana Ag Leadership, the LSU College of Agriculture, the LSU  
8 Alumni Association, and the LSU Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Dausat also played a pivotal role in establishing the Louisiana 4-H  
10 State Museum in Avoyelles Parish; as a farmer, he truly understood the degree of faith, time,  
11 love, and devotion required to help make something grow, and he lived his life in this  
12 manner; and

13 WHEREAS, Ruben John Dausat leaves to cherish his memory his wife of more than  
14 fifty years, Laura Laborde Dausat; son, Tommy Dausat, and his wife Missy; daughters,  
15 Jennifer Dausat Lovelace, and her husband Michael, and Julie Dausat Grunewald, and her  
16 husband Hampton; grandchildren, Katherine Dausat, Walker Dausat, Rylee Lovelace, Lucie  
17 Grunewald, Jack Lovelace, Anna Grunewald, Ruby Grunewald, and Reed Lovelace; brother,  
18 Dyrel Dausat, and his wife Chalayne, Steven Dausat, and his wife Irby; sisters, Rae Hair and  
19 Fae Smith, and her husband Pete; sister-in-law, Diane Dausat; mother-in-law, Peggy  
20 Laborde; and a host of nieces, nephews, god-children, extended relatives, and friends; he  
21 will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Ruben John Dausat and does hereby extend  
24 sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared  
25 memories of his life.

DIGEST

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