

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Mary Sunshine Hebert McCowan upon the occasion of her passing.

WHEREAS, Mary Sunshine Hebert McCowan passed away on October 24, 2024, in her home at the age of eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, she was born in the old Lady of the Lake Hospital on July 4, 1943, to Estelle "Shine" Hebert and Paul Macarius Hebert; and

WHEREAS, at age of four, Mary moved with her family to Germany, where her father served as a judge at one of the Nuremberg Trials; and

WHEREAS, she was a longtime resident of Baton Rouge, except the years she was with her husband at various Army posts; and

WHEREAS, Mary attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Sophie Newcomb College, both in New Orleans, and was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and LSU; and

WHEREAS, she was a debutante of The Baton Rouge Assembly and Le Cercle de Bacchus and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1989, Mary started The Advocate's Coffee with Carol Anne and Mary column, with Carol Anne Blitzer; and

WHEREAS, for nineteen years, the two friends covered most of the area's social events in their popular Sunday column; and

WHEREAS, they never once missed their Tuesday morning Advocate deadline or had an argument; and

WHEREAS, Mary was a member of the Junior League of Baton Rouge, La Fiesta, BWB Investment Club, Fais Do Do, and Modern Reviewers; and

WHEREAS, Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Barbara Hebert Magruder; and

WHEREAS, Mary is survived by her husband Charles S. McCowan Jr., son, Charles Simon McCowan III and his wife, Autumn Wilty McCowan, daughter Mary-Helene McCowan Mason and her husband, William Brett Mason; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by her grandchildren, Charles S."Mac" McCowan IV, Mary Gail McCowan, Autumn Mathile McCowan, Margaret Emelie McCowan, and Estelle Helene Mason and her brother, Paul M. Hebert Jr., and his wife Mary Jane.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Mary Sunshine Hebert McCowan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Mary Sunshine Hebert McCowan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE