

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR MIZELL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere condolences upon the passing of James Mason Ballard Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana upon the passing of James Mason Ballard Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound sorrow that the members of  
5 the Senate and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of James Mason Ballard  
6 Sr. on March 4, 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, James Mason Ballard Sr. was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on June 21,  
8 1931, and was instilled with the values of hard work, integrity, and service to others, and  
9 these values shaped his lifelong dedication to both his country and his community; and

10 WHEREAS, James Mason Ballard Sr. joined the United States Navy, where he was  
11 stationed aboard the USS Agerholm (DD-826) before being honorably discharged and  
12 pursuing a career that would impact generations to come; and

13 WHEREAS, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern  
14 University and A&M College, where he went on to dedicate thirty-one years to shaping  
15 young minds, particularly at Pine High School, where his influence stretched far beyond the  
16 classroom as he guided guiding students toward brighter futures with wisdom, patience, and  
17 a deep belief in their potential; and

18 WHEREAS, James, a man of unwavering faith, was a dedicated member of Holy

