

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR REESE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of George Douglas "Dr. Doug" Brandon, DVM.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the passing of George Douglas Brandon, DVM.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow to receive news of the death
5 of George Douglas Brandon, DVM, on August 24, 2025, at the age of eighty-one; and

6 WHEREAS, George Douglas Brandon, affectionately known as "Dr. Doug", was
7 raised on a small farm in Sabine Parish, where his love for animal health first took root and
8 led him to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, inspired by both a need and a deep desire
9 to serve his community; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating as valedictorian from Zwolle High School, he earned
11 a bachelor's degree in animal science from Louisiana State University, and later in 1971, a
12 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree with honors from Auburn University; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Doug took immense pride in his military service where he proudly
14 served as a captain in the United States Army Veterinary Corps, with duty stations including
15 Fort Sam Houston, NAS Corpus Christi, and Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he provided
16 veterinary services for many families and developed lifelong friendships in the military
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1975, while stationed at Fort Polk he met and eventually married his

1 future wife, Paula Teresa Johnson; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1977, he founded Brandon Veterinary Clinic in Leesville, Louisiana,
3 a practice he worked tirelessly along with his wife for over forty eight years, which became
4 known throughout the region for its exceptional care, compassion, and service to both small
5 and large animals; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Doug's devotion to Vernon Parish extended beyond his clinic, as
7 he faithfully served in numerous leadership roles, including chairman of the Vernon Bank,
8 Vernon Parish District 1 School Board Member, past president of the Greater Vernon
9 Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, Fort Polk Progress
10 director, and chairman of the Sabine River Compact; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong member of multiple veterinary and professional
12 organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association, Louisiana Veterinary
13 Medical Association, Central Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, and the Auburn
14 Alumni Association; and

15 WHEREAS, he was recognized in 2012 with the Louisiana Veterinary Medical
16 Association's Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding
17 contributions to the field of veterinary medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, he leaves behind a legacy of compassion and strength that will live on
19 through his family, the animals he cared for, the people he inspired, and the community he
20 helped shape over his decades of service; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Nathaniel and Joyce
22 Brandon, sister, Frances Brandon Buvens, and brother-in-law, Rick Basham; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Doug is survived by his wife of forty two years Paula Brandon,
24 three sons: Dr. Brian Brandon (Diana), Luke Brandon (Jana), and Dr. Jesse Brandon
25 (Amanda); six grandchildren: Addison Brandon, Matthew Brandon, Leanna Brandon, Lucas
26 Brandon, Bryce Brandon, and Brody Brandon, sister, Carolyn Brandon Basham, and many
27 other cherished family and friends.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of George Douglas
30 Brandon, DVM.

