

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1975, while stationed at Fort Polk, he met and eventually married his future wife, Paula Teresa Johnson; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Paula Teresa Brandon.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE