

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences for the death of Louis "Thomas" Nelson.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the passing of Louis "Thomas" Nelson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has
5 learned of the passing of Louis "Thomas" Nelson, a beloved husband, father, brother,
6 grandfather, and respected leader, on April 25, 2026 at the age of eighty-nine; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Nelson's life was dedicated to public service, integrity, and an
8 unwavering commitment to helping others; and

9 WHEREAS, a devoted public servant for nearly forty years, Thomas believed that
10 true leadership meant showing up for the community every single day, and he exemplified
11 that belief throughout his career, including serving for twenty-six years as a police juror,
12 tirelessly representing St. Martinville and the Cade area, as well as for twelve years as the
13 mayor of the city of St. Martinville, where he governed with steadfast leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, Thomas worked diligently on behalf of his constituents to establish the
15 Cade Water System, ensuring families in the area have access to this essential resource for
16 years to come, and to build and maintain the Cade Community Center, which continues to
17 serve as a hub for community life; and

18 WHEREAS, beyond his elected service, Thomas dedicated over forty years to bus

