

1 WHEREAS, Carl carried their name proudly from the day of his adoption until death,
2 always remembering just how fortunate he was to have such loving parents who gave him
3 not only their revered name but their wisdom, work ethic, generosity, and kindness; and

4 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Franklin High School in 1951, Carl enrolled at
5 Louisiana State University (LSU), where he completed his undergraduate work and the first
6 year of law school in 1955; having completed the Reserve Officer Training Corps program
7 at LSU, he was then called to active duty, to be trained as a navigator at Ellington Air Force
8 Base in Houston, Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer received his Air Force wings and was stationed in Waco,
10 Texas, Panama City, Florida, and Sacramento, California, before being released from active
11 duty in 1957; and

12 WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Bauer completed his legal education
13 at LSU and joined the law firm of his father, Norman, and beloved uncle, Theodore, at Bauer
14 and Bauer, Attorneys at Law; and

15 WHEREAS, Carl, at the age of fourteen, was a page in the Louisiana House of
16 Representatives, where his father served as Speaker of the House under Governors Sam
17 Jones and Jimmy Davis; this was a life-changing experience for Carl as he became severely
18 infected with the "political bug"; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1965, Mr. Bauer entered a special election race for a vacant seat in
20 the House of Representatives, representing St. Mary Parish, the same parish his father had
21 served with admirable distinction; Carl won that election, completed the unexpired term of
22 two years, and then successfully ran for a full term in a newly created district which included
23 Iberia Parish; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer served four full years in the House of Representatives under
25 the administration of Governor John McKeithen; during his tenure in the legislature, he
26 championed many causes of good government and tirelessly promoted funding the four-
27 laning of US Highway 90 from Lafayette to New Orleans; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer continued this highway interest and determination after
29 leaving public office through dedicated efforts towards transforming Highway 90 to
30 interstate standards as a continuation of I-49; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Bauer ran unopposed for a new senate district and served
2 a full term; and

3 WHEREAS, at the age of fifty-seven, Mr. Bauer joined the staff of Dr. Ray
4 Authement, the President of the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL), as the
5 coordinator of governmental relations; Carl served in this capacity until shortly after Dr.
6 Authement's retirement nearly twenty years later; and

7 WHEREAS, Carl Bauer lived a long, active, and varied life full of love, opportunity,
8 people, and experiences; he had a successful law practice, numerous business interests,
9 unprecedented career opportunities, and a wonderful family, along with a multitude of
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer's professional career included membership on many boards
12 of directors, including the Lafayette Economic Development Association, the Louisiana
13 Enterprise Center, the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and the Gulf and Great
14 Plains Legal Foundation, in addition to several private landholding companies; and

15 WHEREAS, while in the practice of law, Carl served the State Bar Association in
16 both the House of Delegates and on the Board of Governors; in 1968, he was elected as
17 president of the LSU Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer also served several years as a member of the board of the
19 USL Foundation and was involved in the Boy Scouts; he was a longtime member and past
20 chairman of the Board of Goodwill of Acadiana; and

21 WHEREAS, while still in Franklin, Mr. Bauer served on and chaired both the
22 Administrative Board and the Trustees of the First Methodist Church and when he moved
23 to Lafayette, he was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church; he was also a
24 Master Mason, a Shriner, and a member of Rotary; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Bauer is survived by his loving wife of thirty-three years, Mary
26 Jane Peacher Bauer; six wonderful children; and eight adored grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, Carl W. Bauer received much from his two marriages, including the
28 love and devotion of six remarkable children, four of his own blood and two by virtue of a
29 superb marriage to Mary Jane, whom he loved beyond belief; his blessings multiplied with

1 the births of his eight marvelous grandchildren, each of whom he adored as they mutually
2 adored their "Poppy"; and

3 WHEREAS, while he experienced his share of heartache, including the loss of his
4 sight in recent years, he never lost sight of the positives in his life; Carl Bauer was a very
5 positive person who left this world firmly convinced that life is good, family is love, friends
6 are priceless, and God has blessed America; and

7 WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Bauer has left a great void and created a genuine sense
8 of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the legislative family, all of whom
9 mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and this institution with
10 distinction, integrity, and statesmanship.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative Carl
13 W. "Wimpy" Bauer and does hereby record for posterity the enduring appreciation of the
14 citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding contributions and achievements, particularly during
15 his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
17 to the family of Carl Bauer.

DIGEST

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