Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Frank M. Edwards, Jr.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the legislature upon the death of Frank
3	M. Edwards, Jr., of Amite and to recognize his distinguished career as an attorney,
4	sheriff, and public servant to his community and to the state of Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
6	Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of the dedicated public servant, Frank M.
7	Edwards, Jr., on April 17, 2014, at the age of seventy-eight; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was born on October 12, 1935, to Frank M. Edwards and
9	Lillian Bel Edwards; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards graduated from Amite High School in 1953 and Louisiana
11	State University Law School in 1960, after which he embarked on an exceptional fifty-four
12	year legal career and a sixty-year career in public service; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards enjoyed a fifty-seven year marriage to his wife, Dora Jean
14	Miller Edwards, during which the couple was blessed with eight children and their spouses:
15	Alice Edwards Stevens and her husband, Alvin; Frank M. Edwards III and his wife, Kathy
16	Sue; Clay Edwards and his wife, Dianne; Andrew Edwards and his wife, Belinda; Morgan
17	Edwards; John Bel Edwards and his wife, Donna; Daniel Edwards and his wife, Blair; and
18	the late Christopher Edwards and his wife, Brenda; and
19	WHEREAS, at the time of his departure from this world, Mr. Edwards was the
20	grandfather of twenty-four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and was expecting a
21	fourth great-grandchild; and

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WHEREAS, a devout Catholic, Mr. Edwards was a life-long parishioner at St.	
Helena Catholic Church where he was an active member of the Knights of Columbus	
Council 10911; and	
WHEREAS, together with his wife Dora, Mr. Edwards led a meaningful and	
philanthropic life, serving the less fortunate in his community with selfless and tireless	
dedication through his involvement in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and	
WHEREAS, in February of 2014, Mr. Edwards was honored, along with his family,	
as they were recognized by the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame as the 2014	
Louisiana Political Family of Officeholders Award recipients for generations of service to	
their community; and	
WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards and his family were honored for dedicating over two	
hundred years and six generations in public service to the state of Louisiana, including the	
remarkable accomplishment and honor of serving Tangipahoa Parish as sheriffs for four	
generations; and	
WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards began his distinguished career in public service in 1968	
when he was first elected as Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff, following in the footsteps of his	
father and grandfather; and	
WHEREAS, Sheriff Edwards served in that capacity until 1980, during which time	
he was given the prestigious honor of serving as a delegate at the 1973 Louisiana	
Constitutional Convention; and	
WHEREAS, in a continued illustration of his tireless drive to serve the state of	
Louisiana, Mr. Edwards served as Assistant Commissioner of Administration for Governor	
Edwin Edwards from 1983 to 1986; and	
WHEREAS, a long-time member, Mr. Edwards enjoyed spending his leisure time	
in the most beautiful gun club in America, the Florida Parishes Skeet and Gun Association	
in Amite; and	
WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Edwards was chosen to represent Amite as the Oyster King	
which is a great honor that illustrated his illustrious standing in the community; and	

1 WHEREAS, with the death of Frank M. Edwards, Jr., Louisiana has lost one of her 2 finest sons, a deeply beloved individual who was known for his dedication to public service; 3 and 4 WHEREAS, although the death of Mr. Edwards has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved 5 6 him. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of one of the state's most honorable 9 and dedicated public servants, Mr. Frank M. Edwards, Jr., and does hereby recognize and 10 record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions and extend 11 enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family and 12 friends, the city of Amite, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby express the deep regret 13 of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the loss of such an extraordinary gentleman. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 15 to Mrs. Dora Jean Miller Edwards.

DIGEST

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