

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY SENATOR PERRY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Michael James "Lil Mike" Detraz Jr.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Michael James "Lil Mike" Detraz Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of the state of Louisiana learned of the death of Michael James "Lil Mike" Detraz Jr. on May 27, 2014, at the age of thirty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Michael Detraz graduated from Vermilion Catholic High School in 1992 and completed his agricultural aviation pilot training in Bainbridge, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has been an agricultural aviation pilot for over twenty years, having begun his agricultural flight career under the guidance of his mentor, George Sagera; and

WHEREAS, Michael Detraz owned and operated Detraz Flying Service for several years prior to working for Lewis Broussard; and

WHEREAS, he had been an aerial applicator for T and M Aviation, and was employed by Klondike Aviation as a crop duster at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Michael Detraz was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed flying, fishing, and hunting; and

WHEREAS, his love of hunting was the catalyst to developing JAM Hunting, which catered to numerous hunting adventures locally and in Mexico and Nicaragua; and

1 WHEREAS, those hunting adventures created lifelong memories for Mike Detraz
2 and his clients, and his friendship and camaraderie will be sorely missed; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of ten years, Gabrielle S. Detraz;
4 daughters, Amelia, Jennah, and Madison; parents, Michael "Big Mike" Detraz Sr. and
5 Shawnee LeBlanc Detraz; one sister, Michelle and her husband, Joey Comeaux and their
6 children, Paige and Dilan; and his maternal grandmother, Thelma Moore LeBlanc; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a gentleman who was admired by all whose lives he touched,
8 leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and is greatly missed; and

9 WHEREAS, although the death of Michael James "Lil Mike" Detraz Jr. has left a
10 tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts
11 of all who knew and loved him.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael James "Lil
14 Mike" Detraz Jr., does hereby recognize and record for posterity his accomplishments, and
15 does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring
16 to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 family of Michael James "Lil Mike" Detraz Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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