

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Margaret Martin on her many extraordinary accomplishments.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Margaret "Maggie" Martin for her outstanding service, and numerous
3 contributions to her community and her state, and on her many accomplishments.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature
5 of Louisiana recognize Maggie Martin for her many extraordinary accomplishments; and

6 WHEREAS, for fifty years, Maggie Martin's reporting and society column at The
7 Times in Shreveport have told stories of people of all walks of life, with travels along
8 Louisiana Highway 1, Mardi Gras in the Ark-La-Tex and the investigation of the late Public
9 Safety Commissioner George D'Artois, in which a grand jury witness was killed, all leading
10 to The Times being a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize Public Service Award; and

11 WHEREAS, her stories took her around the country, into operating rooms, small
12 homes at the end of dirt roads, through gleaming mansions, and into public offices, prisons,
13 and remote churches, and the most glitzy of society events; and

14 WHEREAS, she has covered fashion, medicine, and education, winning one hundred
15 seven Louisiana Press Women Awards; and

16 WHEREAS, some of her favorite stories inspired the opening of the old Fairgrounds
17 Field Press Box to women, a cattle drive in Cameron Parish, and an interview with a woman
18 who was in the New London, Texas, school gas explosion that killed hundreds and had never
19 discussed her experience; and

1 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin's Rolodex, skinny notebooks with her distinct
2 handwriting, tearsheets, photos, and other items provided a glimpse of her career as part of
3 "50 Years of Journalism: Margaret Martin and The Times" at the Louisiana State Exhibit
4 Museum; and

5 WHEREAS, from the clattering of manual typewriters inside the newsroom to
6 computer keyboards and digital cameras with husband Paul Schuetze by her side, Maggie
7 Martin has adapted to the times; and

8 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin advises all reporters to answer the phone and greet
9 visitors to the building because you never know what kind of story they have; and

10 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin is a Times newsroom staple and a Shreveport fixture
11 who deserves to be honored and respected for her reporting, community knowledge, and
12 quest to have a positive impact on Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
14 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like
15 Margaret "Maggie" Martin, who devote and dedicate their lives and time to accurately and
16 honestly reporting the stories the public wants and deserves to know.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby extend congratulations and commends Margaret "Maggie" Martin on her many
19 years of outstanding service, and her numerous contributions to her community and to her
20 state and recognizes her for her many accomplishments.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
22 Margaret "Maggie" Martin.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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