

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR ERDEY AND REPRESENTATIVE POPE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Norman Alton Leggette.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Alton Leggette, a distinguished gentleman, renowned coach, civic leader, and former member of the Livingston Parish School Board on March 29, 2015, at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, Norman Alton Leggette was born on December 20, 1935, and raised in Holden, Louisiana, where he attended elementary school through high school and later Southeastern Louisiana University where he majored in physical education, a miraculous feat in itself after being stricken with polio as a young child; and

WHEREAS, he began his coaching and teaching career at Maurepas, then spent six years at Holden, his alma mater, and the rest of his career at Denham Springs High School and with the Livingston Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Coach Leggette coached his high school alma mater to the Class C Boys state championship in 1963, then moved to Denham Springs High School after being heavily recruited as head basketball coach for thirteen seasons and was named part of the inaugural Denham Springs High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011; and

WHEREAS, he received many accolades during his prestigious career that included District Coach of the Year three times, Parish Coach of the Year four times, and Class C State Coach of the Year in 1963 and was inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1991; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life Alton Leggette was a man of action and his proactive stance made him a positive force at all levels of his life; his athleticism won him free throw shooting competitions, he could shoot with either hand, he was an ace softball pitcher until age thirty-six, and he was a determined athlete and coach which, in turn, made the young men he coached determined not to let him down; and

WHEREAS, Alton Leggette was the kind of citizen who represents what is good

about Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his many talents, integrity, and passion for his community, parish, and state to change Louisiana and its citizens for the better; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Alton Leggette, the state has lost one of her finest citizens, a true gentleman who left an indelible mark on the many individuals whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, the death of Alton Leggette has created a tremendous void in his community, but his lessons and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were blessed to have worked with, been coached by, or to just have known him; and

WHEREAS, his love of family was of the utmost importance in his life, and he was a caring and devoted husband and best friend to the love of his life, his wife of fifty-nine years, Margaret Hyatt Tycer Leggette; he was a cherished uncle to his loving nephews Richard Alton Leggette and his wife Cathy, Doug Core and his wife Vickie, and Greg Core and his wife Dawn; and numerous great nephews, nieces, and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Alton Leggette was a man of great strength and intellect, a caring individual who has left his mark in Livingston Parish and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon role models like Alton Leggette who mold our future generations into responsible young men and women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of a true gentlemen and renowned coach, Norman Alton Leggette.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby celebrate his extraordinary life and commend the rich legacy that Alton Leggette leaves to the benefit of future generations and acknowledge a life well-spent in the service of his community, his state, his country, and his God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Hyatt Leggette.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES