

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATORS COLOMB, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MONToucET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, WHITE, WILLMOTT AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of State Representative Ronnie Edwards.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of State Representative Ronnie Edwards on February 24, 2016, after a courageous multi-year battle with pancreatic cancer, at age sixty-three; and

WHEREAS, she was a devout Christian, wife of forty-five years to Oliver Edwards, mother of two adult children, and grandmother to three; and

WHEREAS, during her battle with cancer, Representative Edwards never ceased to conduct herself with dignity, strength, and compassion, and never wavered in her deep and abiding faith; and

WHEREAS, Representative Edwards, a Democrat, was recently sworn into the Louisiana Legislature after serving two terms as a member of the Baton Rouge Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, while elected to her seat representing District 29 consisting of a portion of East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge parishes in November 2015 and sworn in on January 11, 2016, because of her health, she was never able to return to the State Capitol to fulfill her duties; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Edwards also worked in housing for the Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation; and

WHEREAS, she was well known for her passion for affordable housing and her warm demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ronnie Edwards will be long remembered as a very spiritual, quiet-spoken, and very gentle and kind person as well as for her commitment and tireless effort to improve her community and this state; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Representative Ronnie Edwards has left a tremendous void in her community, her memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of State Representative Ronnie Edwards, recognize and record for posterity her exceptional accomplishments and singular contributions, and extend appreciation for the pride and honor that she brought to her family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Oliver Edwards, husband of Ronnie Edwards.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES