

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR ERDEY AND REPRESENTATIVE MACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of John Stephen Szanyi Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of John Stephen Szanyi Sr. on February 19, 2016, at the age of seventy-nine, surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, John Stephen Szanyi Sr. was a native of Hungarian Settlement in Albany, Louisiana, and a resident of Livingston; and

WHEREAS, he worked as chief of communications and public relations at the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Szanyi was a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Livingston, and a lifetime member of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, he took great pride in his Hungarian heritage and community, and was an ardent New Orleans Saints fan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Szanyi loved his family deeply and always placed God first in his life; and

WHEREAS, a beloved husband, father, brother, and grandfather, he will be truly missed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Szanyi is survived by his wife, Sharon Sibley Szanyi; two daughters, Tammy Sibley and Mary Szanyi; a son, John Stephen Szanyi Jr.; a brother, Joseph Szanyi; and three sisters, Mary Demmerly, Dorothy Walsh, and Carol Grimmer; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his grandchildren, Kelsey Valentine, Victoria Sheets, and William Sheets; and great-grandchildren, Westyn Thompson and Micah Valentine; and

WHEREAS, with the death of John Stephen Szanyi Sr., Louisiana has lost one of its finest sons, a quintessential southern gentleman who loved his community and whose accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, his passing has left a substantial void in the Livingston community and a sense of loss in the citizens whose lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of John Stephen Szanyi Sr., and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the Livingston community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of John Stephen Szanyi Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES