

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUVAL, BARRAS, DAVIS, AND TERRY LANDRY AND
SENATOR MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Charles August Fuselier, Sr.,
of New Iberia.

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana were saddened to learn of
the passing of Charles Auguste Fuselier, Sr., on March 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Charles August Fuselier, Sr., was sheriff of St. Martin Parish from 1980
until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his term in office, Sheriff Fuselier oversaw the completion of a
new jail, the installation of a parish-wide 911 system, the creation of a sheriff's substation,
and the construction of a facility for juveniles; and

WHEREAS, Charles August Fuselier, Sr., received the National Sheriff of the Year
award in 1996 and was honored by U.S. Representative Jimmy Hayes on the floor of
congress; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 under the leadership of Sheriff Fuselier, the St. Martin Parish
Sheriff's office became the first in Louisiana to receive the imprint of the Commission on
Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Fuselier contributed to his community through his involvement
in the promotion of 4-H programs, and in 1981, he established the Charles J. Fuselier
Livestock Award, named after his father, and the Charles Fuselier Scholarship in 2002; in
2008, Sheriff Fuselier was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in Avoyelles Parish; and

WHEREAS, a giant in the field of law enforcement, Sheriff Fuselier was awarded
the National Sheriff of the Year Ferris E. Lucas award by the National Sheriffs' Association;

National Sheriff of the Year in Louisiana by the Farm Bureau Federation; Good Neighbor Citation by the Woodmen of the Year; Outstanding Service to Community by the Town of Henderson; Sheriff of the Year by the American Legion; National Sheriff of the Year by the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana F&AM; Outstanding Citizen of Acadiana by the International Relations of Acadiana; and he received the Daughters of the American Revolution Volunteer Community Service Award and the Louisiana Attorney General's Award for his work with the youth of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Fuselier was inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield in 2003; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Lyndahl Hobgood Fuselier; son Charles A. Fuselier, Jr., and wife Julie; daughters Rebecca F. Smith and husband O.C. Smith, III, and Elizabeth A. Fuselier; grandchildren, Charles Fuselier, III, and wife Patricia, Lauren F. Segura and husband Tyler, Staci Fuselier and J.J. Louviere, Ollie Smith, IV, Ryan Boudreaux, and Kate Smith; great-grandson, Rhett Fuselier; and sister Celeste Andre and husband Charles; and it is with heavy hearts that the members of the legislature bid farewell to Charles Fuselier, Sr.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest condolences to the family, friends, and community of former St. Martin Parish Sheriff Charles Auguste Fuselier, Sr.; and does hereby extend best hopes and prayers for peace and comfort to all who knew and loved him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Charles Auguste Fuselier, Sr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE