

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James David Cain.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 8, 2024, of former Louisiana state representative and state senator, James Davis Cain; and

WHEREAS, James David Cain was born on October 13, 1938, in Pitkin, Louisiana; he grew up on his family's farm, where he learned the value of hard work and acquired a love for cattle and horses; he was baptized in Six Mile Creek near his home, and he and his family faithfully attended Pitkin Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, James David was a 1956 graduate of Pitkin High School, where he starred on the school's basketball team and became the first student to receive a college basketball scholarship; he joined the United States Army in 1958 and served as a military policeman until being honorably discharged in 1961; and

WHEREAS, James David attended McNeese State University and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in education; he returned to Pitkin High School to serve as an assistant basketball coach under Coach B. R. Harvey; one year later, he joined East Beauregard High School to serve as the school's head basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain led the East Beauregard basketball program from 1962 until 1972 and achieved an astounding record of three hundred fourteen wins and only fifty-nine losses; he also won eight-consecutive district championships and was named district coach of the year on six occasions; he was also twice named the Louisiana Coach of the Year, and he was inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain began his illustrious political career in 1972 as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and he served in this capacity until 1992; upon leaving the House, he was elected to serve in the Louisiana Senate and served from 1992 until 2008; he was well known for being a conscientious and tireless worker who always strived to meet his constituents' needs and engage with them about their ideas for legislation; he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame for his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from politics, Mr. Cain spent his time tending his cattle and horses with his dog, Little Bit, on his Dry Creek farm; he and his wife, Renee, raised a number of successful barrel horses throughout the years; he was extremely proud of his family and cherished spending his time visiting and laughing at family events; and

WHEREAS, James David Cain leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of thirty-four years, Renee Cole Cain; his children, Melissa Cain Milnor, Hon. Judge James D. Cain, Jr. (Angie), Angela Guglielmo, and Joe Guglielmo (Stephanie); grandchildren, Juliana Cain, Haley' beth Cain, Amanda Milnor, and Austin Guglielmo; brothers, Alton J. Cain, Jr., and Burl Cain (Jonalyn); and a host of nieces and nephews; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service to the state of Louisiana shall live on in perpetuity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James David Cain; does hereby extend enduring gratitude for his service to the state of Louisiana as a distinguished member of both the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE