

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the passing, on July 6, 2022, of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Blackwell Dean was an eclectic and unique figure in the Louisiana political scene, and he was one of the most well-known politicians to have served St. Bernard Parish; his twenty-three-year career in politics remains impactful on St. Bernard Parish to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean first entered politics in 1981 after amassing considerable wealth as a pioneering entrepreneur in Louisiana's maritime petroleum services industry; he was the founder of Elevating Boats, Inc., a company that developed offshore marine platforms, often referred to as "jack-up" or "lift" boats which had a significant impact on the expansion of the oil and gas industry, especially in Louisiana; his first public office was as a member of the St. Bernard Parish School Board, and he served in this role for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean's most notable achievement during his political career came in 1992 when he was elected as the first president of St. Bernard Parish, after the parish shifted from a police jury to a president-council form of governance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean's final stretch in his political career began in 1996 with his election to a seat in the Louisiana Senate; in his eight years as a state senator, he served on numerous committees including Retirement, Environmental Quality, Local and Municipal Affairs, Education, and Labor and Industrial Relations; he was also a member of the Joint

Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay during his first term and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council during his second; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean is remembered as a truly committed servant of both the state of Louisiana and the people of St. Bernard Parish; he was unwavering in his political philosophies, and he achieved his goals by combining a refusal to follow convention with an equally unconventional personality; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Blackwell Dean leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of seventy-five years, Jacqueline Miles Dean; his son, Douglas; his daughter, Cherry; ten grandchildren; and twenty-seven great-grandchildren; he will be deeply missed and certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Lynn Blackwell Dean, former distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate; does hereby recognize former Senator Dean's unrelenting commitment to his constituents and to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE