

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Terry Alan Mathews of Boyce.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Terry Mathews, who passed away on Friday, February 24, 2012, at the age of forty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Terry Mathews was a distinguished resident of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews' honors and awards as a baseball player at Holy Savior Menard Central High School merited his jersey's retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews earned many accolades while playing at Northeast Louisiana University, including four Hitting Awards from 1984 to 1987, election as team captain in 1987, and the 1987 Pelican Cup Most Valuable Player Award, but none rival his eventual induction into the Northeast Louisiana University Hall of Fame in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Terry Mathews' professional career, which included pitching for the Texas Rangers, the Houston Astros, the Florida Marlins, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Kansas City Royals, lasted from 1987 until 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews continued to contribute to Louisiana baseball after his retirement by serving as a volunteer coach for Holy Savior Menard baseball and mentoring young players into men; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews' service to the state of Louisiana continued when he joined the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office in 2008 and worked as a student resource officer at Holy Savior Menard Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Terry Mathews was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Eugene and Maggie Andries; paternal grandparents, John A. and Sylvia Mathews; and his father, John A. "Sonny" Mathews, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews is survived by his high school sweetheart of twenty-three years, Emily Lynch Mathews; three children, Marcus A. Mathews, Molly K. Mathews, and Magan A. Mathews; his mother, Fay E. "Duke" Andries Mathews; three sisters, Patricia Myers, Kerry Knapp, and Susan Williams; and three brothers, John A. Mathews III, Roy Mathews, and Jim Mathews; and

WHEREAS, though the death of Mr. Mathews has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest condolences to the family of Terry Mathews from a grateful state that truly appreciates his important contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Terry Mathews.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE