

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT AND SENATORS BERNARD AND LUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Randell Aaron Fletcher.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 12, 2023, of Randell Aaron Fletcher; and

WHEREAS, Randell Aaron Fletcher was born in Verda, Louisiana, on July 9, 1935, to Aaron and Edna Fletcher; the Fletcher family is one of Grant Parish's oldest pioneer families, originally settling in the hills around Verda and Hargis in the late 1700s; and

WHEREAS, Randell was a member of the graduating class of 1953 at Verda High School; he went on to attend Northwestern State University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education; his time as a college student was the only time he had lived outside of his beloved Grant Parish; and

WHEREAS, Randell married Geraldine Hale, whom he had known since first grade, on November 26, 1954; they raised three children, Steve, Becky, and Celeste; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher began his professional career as a teacher at Colfax High School in 1958; he taught for twenty years, during which time he was elected to the Grant Parish Police Jury at the age of thirty-five; he stepped away from teaching in 1978 to run for the office of tax assessor, which he won handily at the age of forty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher faithfully served Grant Parish for twenty years before voluntarily stepping down to focus on mission work; he made sixteen trips to various Latin American countries to help spread the gospel; and

WHEREAS, Randell's most prolific characteristic was his incredible faith; he joined Verda Baptist Church in 1948 and faithfully served the church as a deacon from 1957 until his passing; he was the church's treasurer for decades and organized many mission trips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher played a pivotal role in the meteoric growth of Bank of Montgomery, which saw the expansion of its footprint across central Louisiana and into Texas after Randell succeeded his father on the board in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher was an incredibly civic-minded individual who served his community in every manner that he was capable of; he sat on the Red River Waterway Commission and was appointed by the governor to sit on the Grant Parish board of election supervisors; he represented his community and parish on numerous other boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher's survivors include his wife of sixty-eight years, Geraldine Hale Fletcher; son, Steve Fletcher; daughters, Becky Reeder and Celeste Fletcher, and her husband John Wardlow; grandchildren, Kristen Tarver, and her husband Adam, Joshua Fletcher, Carrie Butler, and her husband Blake, Heather Herron, and her husband Joe, Zach Reeder, and his wife Samantha, and Leanne Foreman, and her husband Clay; and great-grandchildren, Indy Ammons, Luke Butler, Allie Butler, Seth Herron, Kate Herron, Rhett Reeder, Brady Foreman, and Camille Foreman; and

WHEREAS, Randell Aaron Fletcher was a pillar of Grant Parish; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will live on.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Randell Aaron Fletcher 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